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# TERRORIST ATTACKS STUN WORLD

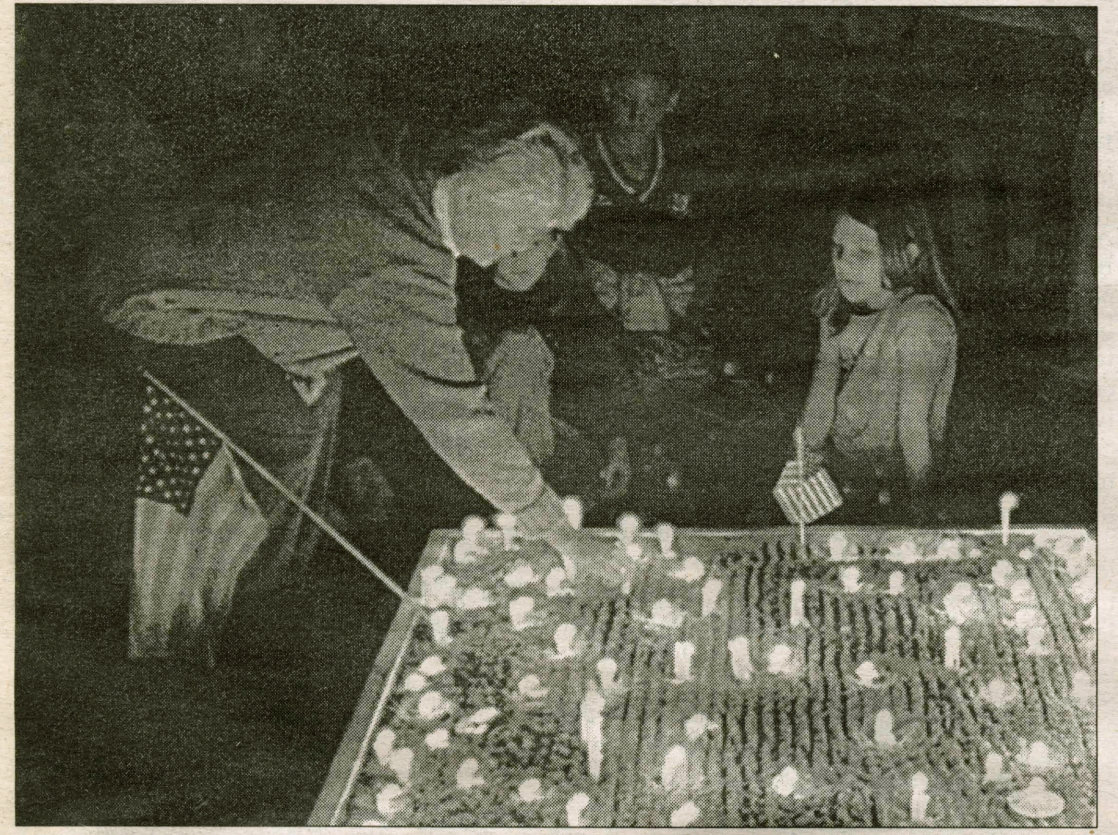

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

**As children look on, Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls places a candle in the sand box at Wednesday night's candlelight vigil. Students, faculty, and community members walked from Beinecke to the library in order to remember and honor the dead.**

## Services aid in healing Hamilton community

**by Christopher LaRosa '03**
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

In the wake of one of the most devastating attacks in the United States' history, the Hamilton community is facing new questions being raised about safety, government, terrorism, and peace.

Initial reactions to the horrific turn of events on Tuesday morning were shock and disbelief.

"I didn't really even believe it. It was completely unbelievable that the two towers of the Trade Center were down. It looked like it was really choreographed - straight out of a movie," said Jay Bowen '04.

"(I was) devastated. How could this happen? How could something like this slip though the cracks and us not do something about it?" said a person who wished only to be identified as a friend of Hamilton College.

Three days after the attack, disbelief remains.

"We want to say it's a bad movie. I think what we're all struggling with is the fear of the reality that this is not a bad movie," said Professor of Rhetoric and Communication Catharine Kaha.

As everyone grapples with the magnitude of our loss, community gatherings, are helping to quell feelings of devastation. Open prayer groups, chapel gatherings and candlelight vigils have brought a sense of healing and hope to a ravaged community.

A series of afternoon gatherings in the chapel have kept students informed of news relating to the Hamilton community and counseling options for those in need of help.

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## Quadruple hijacking leads to unfathomable destruction

**by Mithat Yaltir '03**
*NEWS WRITER*

On Tuesday, September 11 America witnessed the worst terrorist attack on the US mainland since Pearl Harbor. Two hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center (WTC) in New York City, destroying the two towers of the buildings that have been a symbol of the financial strength of the U.S. A third plane slammed into a helicopter pad in the Pentagon, demolishing part of the building's structure. Actually, it was the worst attack on American soil since the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and United States was forced into World War II.

Tuesday started out as a normal day for New Yorkers, but when the hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the northernmost of the twin towers of the World Trade Center at 8:50 a.m., the chaos and panic ensued. Verizon employee Ellen Leon described the moments of terror. "I looked outside and saw a big chunk of the World Trade Center missing. Fifteen minutes later I saw people jumping out of the building. Bodies were flying out. I don't know if they were already dead or if they were just going to die," she said. Michael DeVita was working on the 84th floor of World Trade Center Building No. 2 when the first plane hit Building No. 1. "It's nuts: there is debris and dust everywhere, and it looks as though a volcano erupted down there," DeVita said.

Firefighters, law enforcement officers, and paramedics rushed to the scene. Many people thought the crash was an accident, but approximately 10 minutes later the hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 slammed into the southernmost twin tower of the World Trade Center. Suddenly, the attention of the nation was focused on New York City. However, more bad news came from Washington, DC. The hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 rammed into the Pentagon, where 20,000 people work, including most of the nation's highest-ranking officials. Approximately one hour after the second crash in New York City, the southernmost tower of the World Trade Center collapsed, burying the bodies of the people left inside the building.

In an attempt to prevent any further disasters, authorities evacuated key landmarks like the White House, the fire-damaged Pentagon, the Sears Tower in Chicago, the CIA building, the Walt Disney theme parks, and the federal buildings. International flights were diverted to Canada, and authorities grounded all flights in the United States. Many flights returned to the destination from where they took off. All financial markets were closed, and millions of workers sent home early. For the first time since D-Day (June 6th, 1944), national baseball games were canceled.

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PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

**Russell Blackwell, Tolga Koker, Shoshana Keller, Wael Aronoff, Steven Orvis provide historical, religions, and political context surrounding the recent events.**

## Forum addresses dangers in stereotyping

**by Sarah Karalunas '04**
*NEWS EDITOR*

A panel of five Hamilton faculty members addressed students in the chapel Thursday night, hoping to combat what they see as a growing anti-Arab, anti-Muslim sentiment in the United States by providing historical, religious, and political context for the recent events.

"One billion people in the world are Muslim. Only 250 million of those people are Arab, and not all Arabs are Muslim," said Tolga Koker, visiting professor of economics.

Few Americans realize how closely related Islamic traditions are to Judaism and Christianity, said Professor of Philosophy Emeritus Russell Blackwood. He explained that all three religions fall under "Abrahamic traditions" and that Muslims refer to Abraham as "friend of God" and Jesus as "word of God."

"They (Judaism, Islam and

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# Transsexual forces students to confront gender issues

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
*NEWS WRITER*

Hamilton students and faculty scrunched into Minor Theatre for an unforgettable evening led by writer/performer Kate Bornstein on September 9. The performance was part of The Body in Question series presented by The Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture. The Kirkland Project promised "an entertaining mix of slam poetry, high theory, and low comedy." Bornstein definitely delivered.

Minor Theater seats 200 people, and there were around 400 people present, said Nancy Rabinowitz, Coordinator of the Kirkland Project. The theater was so packed that twenty to thirty people had to sit on stage for the performance. Rabinowitz remarked that she was "blown away and pleased, pleased, pleased by the overwhelming response".

Kate Bornstein was born and raised a male. She went through boyhood and years of adult manhood, before eventually undergoing a gender change operation. Years later, Bornstein realized that being a woman did not work any better for her than being a man. In Bornstein's words, after thirty-seven years of trying to be a man and eight years of trying to be a woman, she decided that "neither was worth the trouble." Bornstein believes that her girl body does not make her a woman. In Bornstein's view, forcing oneself to be one gender or another is merely a fashion. Bornstein vividly recounted ripping pages out of her dictionary in a symbolic act. No labels will fit.

In a moving series of questions, Bornstein asked the audience what a real man was and what a real woman was. Do these things even truly exist? She asked over and over for us to explain and tell her what it is like to be a man or a woman, to know that you are a man or a woman. Bornstein stressed that our cells die and are reborn every seven years. In this sense, every seven years, we are "all new again". Borsntein questioned the validity of immutable, lifelong gender classifications.

Bornstein stressed that she is not the archetypal transsexual. She is not attempting to tell a whole group's story, just her own. Bornstein challenged us all to stretch societal boundaries of gender. Should genitals be the only way to determine sexual orientation? Bornstein pointed out that we learn gender from many different places and people. A key such place is junior high school. In just a few moments, with amazing performance skills, Bornstein transformed the audience of Minor Theatre into students in an 8th grade classroom discussing gender, grammar and pronouns. We were even equipped with small number two pencils for a humorous "exam" on gender.

"I liked the interactive aspect of her performance. It wasn't just a speech because we got to be a part of it too," Greg Cummins '02.

At the end of the night, Bornstein eloquently stated her belief that compassion comes with personal experiences. Bornstein called out to the audience to feel compassion and to look more closely at society's either/or gender dynamic now that we have experienced gender through her eyes. Jessica Atcheson '03 had the opportunity to talk with Bornstein before the performance for an article written last week for The Spectator. Atcheson said, "Kate Bornstein was great because not only was she entertaining, but she carried the very important message for people to be compassionate to all different types of people. Like she said, 'we're not in junior high anymore' ". I personally left Minor Theater having laughed, cried, and challenged myself to a greater understanding of the differences that can needlessly divide us.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '03

**Kate Bornstein spoke of her experiences as both a young man and now a grown woman. She addressed a crowd of over 400 in Minor Theatre Sunday night.**

# *WHCL switches to 24 hour broadcasting*

by Christopher Takacs '05
news writer

WHCL, Hamilton's radio station, started its 60th year on Monday the 10th. The year 2001 marks the first year that WHCL will run 24 hours a day, thanks to the effort of Station Manager Dave Lyons '03, who over the summer created a "makeshift automated system to fill in the holes" in the schedule.

Other improvements include a hook-up to a computer, allowing DJs to play MP3s, and the introduction of a CD burner, which lets DJs can burn their shows as well as Internet music. These improvements are a far cry from the station's first capabilities. When Professor Wentworth D. Fling created it in 1941, it used a 640 Kilohertz AM "Radiator Pipe," which could broadcast around 25 feet from each outlet. It ran for only 17.5 hours out of the week, compared to the 168 hours that it does now.

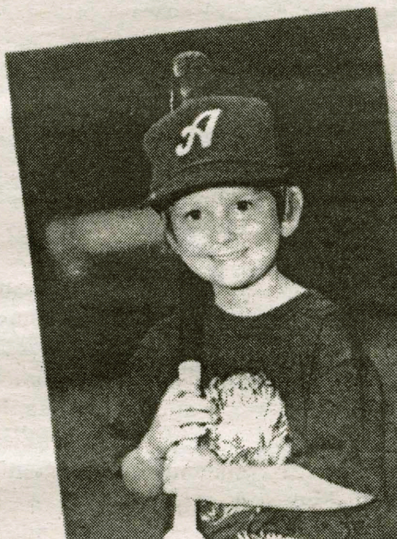
Over 60% of last year's DJs have continued this year from last year, the gap being made up by 23 fresh music fans wanting to share their taste in tunes. Regarding the new recruits, Lyons says, "I personally trained all of them last weekend and was thoroughly impressed at their interest and knowledge in a variety of music."

Music tastes of DJs, as suggested, vary greatly. This year, look forward to plenty of Indie music, along with a large assortment of other types of music, from rap to baroque, techno-punk to "whatever I feel like playing," comments new DJ Ben Turner '05.

Commenting on what WHCL listeners should expect this year, Lyons says, "I really am excited about this season for WHCL. We have a lot of young enthusiastic DJs who are playing great music all throughout the day. We have not had the best reputation on this campus in the past, but this year, I ask students to give us another try. I guarantee you will like what you hear."

PHOTO BY ERIN KING '04

**A WHCL DJ fills the airwaves atop College Hill Road.**

Bethany Cartledge
In-line skater
T-ball slugger
Drunk driving victim
January 18, 1994
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If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

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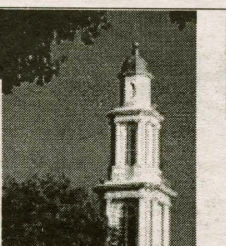
THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04



### Explosions force NYU student evacuations from dorms

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Thousands of New York University students were evacuated from six University residence halls Tuesday morning, shortly after the south tower of the World Trade Center crumbled to the ground amid a cloud of smoke, dust and flame.

Federal and city officials have not offered definite estimates of the number of casualties in the attack.

NYU officials said that no students or staff members were seriously hurt or killed during or after the attack.

"We are not aware of any injury to any member of the NYU community," University Spokesman John Beckman said.

New York Police Department officers told officials in Broome Street, Lafayette Street, Water Street, Cliff Street, John Street and The Ocean residence halls to evacuate students after the destruction of the south tower around 10:45 a.m., a Water Street resident assistant (RA) said.

"It was pandemonium outside," RA Mike Grudzinski said.

"It was announced on TV that southern Manhattan was being evacuated but RAs were telling students to wait because people were running down the street screaming. There was dust and soot everywhere," he said.

The evacuated dorms were all within 20 blocks of the disaster site. Water Street, located only eight blocks away, was the closest.

### Bus with muslim children stoned

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — A school bus carrying Muslim children was stoned and vandals tried to set fire to a Lebanese church in apparent acts of retaliation for terrorist attacks in the United States, officials said Thursday.

Queensland state Islamic Council chairman Sultan Deen said stones and bottles damaged the side of the bus Wednesday in the northeastern city of Brisbane.

Nobody was injured.

"The children are quite shaken up," Deen said.

Three Australians are confirmed dead and a further 85 are missing in the wake of the terrorist attacks in the United States, the government said Thursday.

Deen said public outrage over the attacks had also led to abusive phone calls to mosques.

"It is very disturbing. They are saying things like, 'You will be held responsible' and 'We'll get you,'" Deen said.

### Students across the nation react

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The terrorist attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington have stunned U.S. citizens, including those currently attending colleges and universities, those who have not lived through world wars and major conflicts half a world away.

"This is the Pearl Harbor of our generation," Emily Briley, a student at the University of Tennessee said online.

Many other college students from across the nation echo her reaction.

The biggest incidents of the past 20 years have involved a space shuttle crash, small strikes on small nations and a homegrown terrorist attack in the southern Midwest.

There is nothing to compare with this most recent atrocity in the eyes of many students.

"Oklahoma City was scary," said James O'Sullivan, who attends the University of Texas-Austin. "This was terrifying."

"I was in complete shock," said Lock Haven University student Kelly Lewis. "I was always just kind of under the assumption that nothing of this magnitude would ever happen without any warning. This attack has taken everyone by surprise."

News of the morning's events spread quickly, both through media outlets and word of mouth.

## WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

### Russia backs force against terrorists

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia said Thursday that it supports the use of military force to fight terrorism, but stopped short of saying whether it would join in strikes on terrorist bases.

AP

**Russian attach flowers to the fence at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.**

Russian representatives agreed in Brussels, Belgium, to increase cooperation with NATO to combat international terrorism following Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade towers in New York and the Pentagon.

NATO and Russia "are united in their resolve not to let those responsible for such an inhuman act to go unpunished," they said in a statement.

"All possible means must be used to combat terrorism, including political ones, and, if necessary, the use of force," Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said after talks in Moscow with French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine.

### World pays tribute to attack victims

LONDON (AP) — A military band played the U.S. national anthem at an unprecedented Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, ordered by Queen Elizabeth II in a show of solidarity with the American people.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer called the British gesture "very touching," and noted that Britain, too, lost citizens in the attack.

"The United States is not the only nation that mourns," Fleischer said. "And so, it's a further expression of the wonderful solidarity that the world is showing with the United States."

Across Europe and the world, nations mourned victims of Tuesday's terror attacks in the United States, ordering flags flown at half-staff, declaring national days of mourning and observing periods of silence. Paying tribute to the hundreds of American firefighters who died, firefighters in Hungary tied black ribbons on their vehicles and Polish firetrucks sounded their sirens in the afternoon.

In London, thousands of onlookers — and hundreds of Americans — stood eight deep at Buckingham Palace's front gates and lined the road to the queen's main residence. Some carried miniature U.S. flags.

### Bin Laden moved after U.S. attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Osama bin Laden moved to a new hiding place within minutes of the terrorist onslaught in the United States, refusing to tell anyone where he was going or where he had been when the attacks occurred, sources in Pakistan's intelligence service said Thursday.

AP

**Osama bin Laden**

The sources in neighboring Pakistan spoke on condition of anonymity. Pakistan is one of only three countries that recognize Afghanistan's Taliban government, and is considered to have good intelligence on Islamic militants operating here. A U.S. official, also speaking anonymously, confirmed the Pakistani report.

Bin Laden, a major suspect in Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, dropped out of sight in August 1998, when the United States fired cruise missiles into eastern Afghanistan following the terrorist bombing of two U.S. embassies in East Africa.

In a statement carried on Taliban radio, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar accused U.S. investigators of focusing on bin Laden, a wealthy exiled Saudi, "without any proof but because he is so well known."

## NATIONAL NEWS

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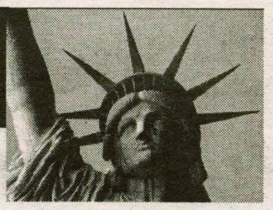


### Amtrak train crashes in Utah

WENDOVER, Utah (AP) — An Amtrak train carrying stranded airline passengers and others to California on Thursday crashed into a freight train, derailed and caught fire in the western Utah desert. There were no serious injuries.

"It knocked me out of my chair and almost instantly the car filled with dust," said Scott Stopper, 41, who was stranded in Denver after taking a flight Tuesday.

"Instead of taking a flight home, I thought it would be safer to take a train," said Stopper, who lives in Campbell, Calif. "Now we have to take a bus."

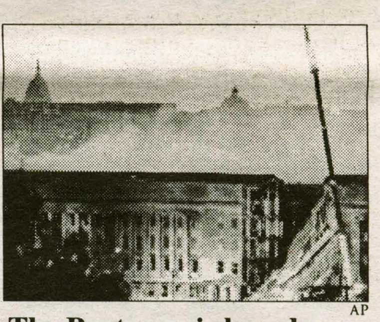
The derailed train was the California Zephyr heading from Chicago to Emeryville, Calif., in the San Francisco Bay area, said Amtrak spokeswoman Cheryle Jackson. Amtrak said 263 passengers and 14 crew members were on board. Two locomotives were pulling 15 cars, including seven passenger cars.

Authorities said it appeared the collision happened as the eastbound Union Pacific freight train was pulling onto a siding to let the Amtrak train pass. Tooele County Sheriff Frank Scharmann said the Amtrak train was going about 30 mph.

### Black box signal at Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday the FBI was working on "thousands and thousands of leads" in the investigation of Tuesday's terror attacks in New York and Washington. At the Pentagon, searchers received a signal from the black box of the airliner that crashed there.

Search crews will not be able to retrieve the black box, which could contain information about the last minutes of the hijacked commercial jetliner, until they are able to enter the collapsed area of the Pentagon, where the plane's fuselage rests.



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**The Pentagon is hosed down.**

They were to begin moving into the collapsed area sometime Thursday night, said Arlington County Fire Capt. Scott McKay.

While there have been no arrests, Ashcroft said, authorities have interviewed many people in connection with the hijacking of four airliners and the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

A total of 18 hijackers were on the planes, Ashcroft said. There were five on each of two planes and four each on the other two.

Ashcroft said he had was heartened by the public's interest in tracking down those responsible.

### Victims' families seek missing

NEW YORK (AP) — They stood with heads bowed, holding hands, praying and waiting. They waited in line for a chance to speak into a television camera, clutching fliers and crying.

At an armory, in hospitals and on the streets of Manhattan, thousands of distraught families searched for the missing on Thursday.

Almost every sentence began the same: "Have you seen ..." And nearly every plea ended the same: "If you know anything, please call ..."

Zara Kahn stood outside the armory at East 26th Street and Lexington Avenue. "If anybody has heard anything, anything, we've been searching days," she said into the lens of a news camera.

She held photographs of her brother, 29-year-old Taimour Kahn. Next to her, her mother pressed fliers into the hands of strangers. Neat, black letters said, "Please call: 516-662-3408."

Driven by desperation, more than 2,500 people stood in line at the armory, waiting to get inside to fill out missing-persons reports that sought seemingly every identifying detail: shoe size, belt size, blood type, tattoos, mother's maiden name.

# Ham student in D.C. responds to attack

by Krystyn Schmerbeck '02
*CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

***Editor's note:*** *The following is an article submitted by a student from Hamilton's Washington D.C. program. The article is not strictly news, but gives an account of her personal reaction to the days events.*

At midnight on September 11, my five roommates came in and sang "Happy Birthday" to me. I was so excited then to be turning 21 in our nation's capital with a group of new friends and hopes for an exciting semester. Just nine hours later, as I was sitting at my desk in the offices of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, the tragedy began. All of the staff members were standing watching the first World Trade Tower in flames on the television. We continued to watch as events unfolded in New York until we had heard from a staffer who was sitting on the expressway near the Pentagon. He told us what he had seen - a plane crashed into the side of the Pentagon - and we were in disbelief. Five minutes later, we received the call to evacuate the building. As I walked with my roommate to the Metro stop, fear came over me, and I knew that life in this nation would never be the same.

We were the first to arrive back at the dorm, and we waited anxiously for the rest of our group to return from the Capitol. We attempted to contact our families and our professor as we watched in horror the collapse of the World Trade Center towers and the fires at the Pentagon. As the day continued, everyone returned safely to our dorm, some students having walked for an hour and a half due to closures of the metro rail. We joined together as a group while we each of us waited to make sure that loved ones in the New York City area were safe and sound. We were also relieved to hear that the students in the New York City program were safe and had escaped without physical injury.

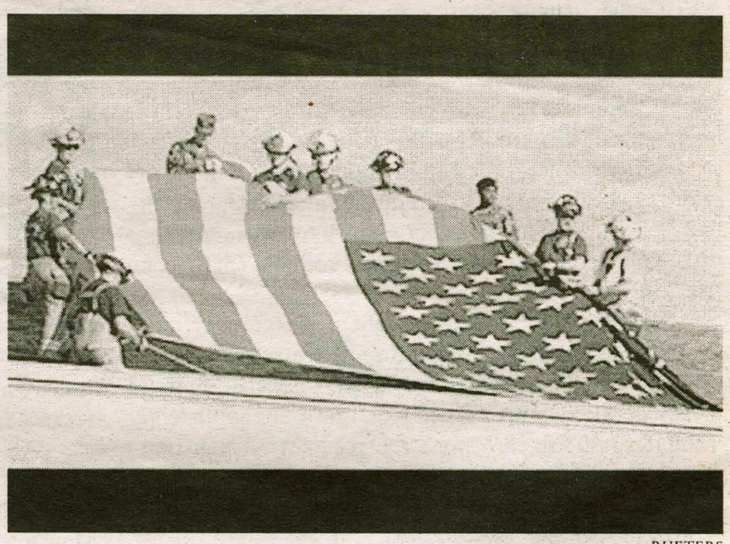
As the dust settles and the tallies of injured and dead are totaled, I begin to reflect on the future and how we can remember and glorify the lives of the innocent men and women who were simply doing their jobs when this unforeseen tragedy struck at our nation's core. I harbor both fears and hopes regarding what will become of our nation in light of this disaster. I have no doubt that we will recover, but it is imperative that we unite in the common goal of healing. Now is the time at which we need to be there for each other. This event should remind us about the ephemeral nature of life and the uncertainty of what lies ahead. We need not only to focus on the future, but also to remember to enjoy, as best we can, the present.

Returning to work today in the House Office Buildings, I see how seriously our government is responding to these attacks. While our national leaders cannot remain silent at times such as these, I earnestly hope that there is strong, if not undeniable, proof unveiling the name and nature of the attackers before retaliatory action is taken. The support from other nations around the world is also a necessary factor in the considerations of the Bush Administration as they attempt to piece together a plan of action. The struggle ahead will be great, but our nation's leadership is dedicated to working together for resolution and rebuilding and we can each play our part as individuals, citizens of this country, to make the road to recovery a little smoother.

While the actions of our government are out of our immediate control, we are certainly called to fill a huge roll in this healing process. I have seen the emails about the blood drives and the variety of services occurring at Hamilton to facilitate help for all who need it. I entreat you to take advantage of your friends, your professors, and all of the administration. Everyone deals with tragedy and grief in his own way, so each of us should be ready to help each other in listening, in talking, in just being available and accessible. It is also necessary to realize when someone is in need of more help than you can give. There are many counselors available, and now is the time to really use their services.

One of my greatest fears is that the panic of American people and the concerns of our highest government officials will lead to the creation of implicit internment camps of anyone who happens to have a similar heritage as the terrorists did. This response is exactly what terrorists are seeking to achieve. They want to show that America is a nonsensical government and that our principles of freedom and equality are simply idyllic notions that can never be achieved. Do not feed into the intentions of those who planned and executed these gruesome attacks. Not all Arab people are terrorists, nor are all terrorists of an Arab ethnicity. I pledge, in spite of my fear, to use my energy not only to help as many people as I can, but also to dedicate my actions to the memory of those whose lives were lost, to act lovingly and not out of the hatred. The cycle of hatred must stop; and although there is much anger and fear that may cloud our actions, each of us has the power to end the suffering and to begin the healing. America can triumph; of that there is no doubt. But is the aggregate of our actions as individuals, as citizens, that will supply the impetus for our response to these acts of terror. More death cannot lead to healing. Hatred is not the answer.

As I was walking down the street yesterday, I saw a woman pushing her child in a stroller. I want my response and the response of our nation to these tremendously damaging attacks to be one that will create a safe world and a decent future for that child and all the children of this great nation. My thoughts and prayers are with the Hamilton community as the names of the dead and the missing are revealed. I know that our losses will be many, but our support system is strong, our hope, unbreakable. I thank all of the members of the Hamilton community who have sent notes and made phone calls of concern to those of us here in Washington. Your good wishes, positive thoughts and prayers have made this entire situation much more bearable. I hope that the discussions will continue and that our community will increase in strength. God bless each of you.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# Attack attracts world spotlight

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The city firefighters' union said that at least 200 firefighters were killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center on Tuesday. There were a total of 266 people on board the day's four hijacked planes. Officials are concerned that the death toll could climb into the tens of thousands. 40,000 people alone worked in the World Trade Center towers and a nearby 47-story building, World Trade Center No. 7. "I wouldn't want to say what the death toll could be. It will be a horrible number," Mayor Giuliani told ABC News.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger compared these terrorist attacks to Pearl Harbor and urged immediate action. "We must have the same response, and the people who did it must have the same end as the people who attacked Pearl Harbor," Kissinger told CNN. President Bush assured the American people and the world that the ones responsible for these terrorist acts will be brought to justice. "Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts," the president said. Many countries condemned the attacks. German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder described the attacks as a "declaration of war against the civilized world."

Osama bin Laden is on the top of the U.S. Government's list of suspects. He was linked to terrorists who attempted to destroy the World Trade Center in 1993. He has also been indicted for the deadly 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya and he was linked to last October's attack on the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen, which killed 17 American servicemen. One senior official said the probability that bin Laden is behind the deadly assaults is in "the high 90s." The officials highlight that there is evidence pointing to the involvement of Osama bin Laden in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. "It is more than just the analytical surmise that it would take an organization with incredible command and control capability, which bin Laden's has, to stage an attack like this. There is other information that has been obtained after the attack against the World Trade Center pointing in the direction of bin Laden," one U.S. official said.

President Bush addressed the nation the day of the attacks, condemning them and highlighting the strengths of American people. "Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve," President Bush said. "America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war against terrorism." 2,280 soldiers and 68 civilians were killed

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# Students from NYC Program returning to Hill

**by Christopher LaRosa '03**
*EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Many unsuspecting students walked into their 10:30 classes and were faced with images of the twin towers crumbling and Manhattan hidden behind plumes of smoke.

"I taught a class from 9:00 until 10:15 where we were discussing the role of a free press in a democratic society... In a class in which we thought everything was fine, the world was falling around us," said Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Communication Catharine Kaha.

Kaha, along with many students on campus, began watching the coverage around the time of the second tower collapse.

Dean of Faculty David Paris issued a campus-wide email encouraging professors to use regular class time to discuss the unfolding events with students. While the college did not officially suspend class, many teachers chose not to hold regular classes and instead let students go early or had them discuss the unfolding events .

Televisions were brought to dining halls, Beinecke, and Café Opus. At these locations people packed shoulder to shoulder, waiting for developments in the seemingly unreal turn of events.

Community members focused attention on loved ones, friends, and students in the Hamilton Program in New York City. Jammed cellular networks and telephone networks made contacting family members a near impossibility for students. The college was not able to verify the whereabouts and safety of all students in the New York program until after 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

As of Thursday afternoon Senior Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said the college did not know of any student who had a parent missing in the wreckage. Some students do have extended family who are still not accounted for.

At the time of the explosions, three students were in the 1 West Street Building, located proximal to Battery Park, Hamilton housing for its students in New York City. The majority of Hamilton students in New York City, however, were either at or en route to their internships.

"I was on my way to my internship on 2nd street and 1st Avenue... I saw the top of the first tower burning," said Rick Colon '03, a student in the Hamilton program in NYC.

Colon did not realize that the smoke was a terrorist attack until he reached his internship at a HeadStart program. His responsibilities at the internship prevented him from witnessing the collapse of the towers or paying close attention to the situation as it was unfolding.

"I'm working at a HeadStart program with little children. We couldn't do anything until around noon," said Colon.

At noon, after relatives had picked up children from the HeadStart program, Colon left his office to seek refuge at his girlfriend's apartment on the lower east side.

"(I saw) tons of smoke coming from downtown... At first I was helping out and was distracted from what was happening. I didn't really think about it until I heard that the Pentagon was hit. Two symbols of our American freedom were not there," said Colon.

During the course of the day, the 1 West Street Building was evacuated; no students have been able to return to recover their belongings.

Students found initial lodging with family, friends, and alumni. All students enrolled in the program are scheduled to return to the Hill this Saturday and will live in the Bristol guest rooms.

Thompson said the college planned to bring students back tot he Hill to offer counseling services, to regroup the program members, and to determine a plan for the rest of the semester, based on how events unfold.

"What we're most concerned about is the wellbeing of our students who have had a significant trauma," said Thompson.

Thompson said that on-campus students who are in need of support or counseling services are encouraged to look to faculty; residential life officers including Assistant Director of Residential Life Brad Moot, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residencial Life Rebecca Kantrowitz, and the RA staff; or the campus counseling service.

"(The College is) trying to determine who needs support and find ways to provide that. We're looking for as many ways as we can to provide it to people who need it," said Thompson.

# Community members convene in Chapel

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Christianity) all talk about one God. They all talk about one God in very different ways, but they are still related," said Blackwood. Blackwood also tried to debunk the typical American view of the Islamic principle of jihad. Jihad translates as "struggle," but the greater jihad is not defense of the faith. The primary jihad, he said, is within an individual, the struggle within oneself.

Later, Myra Hamid '02 expanded on this point by explaining that many Islamists have very different concepts of jihad and very different means of spreading their religious ideology. For example, she said, many Islamists use intellectual debate to convince people to convert to Islam. "Islam is the fastest-growing religion in world. That can't all be done by swords. One kind of jihad is jihad of the pen, a higher form than jihad of the sword," said Hamid.

Shoshana Keller, professor of history, reminded students to keep in mind the historical context of countries, particularly Afghanistan. "These are our own chickens coming home to roost," said Keller, going on to explain how the United States provided weapons and training to many Afghanis to fight a Russian socialist invasion in 1979.

"The CIA tried to buy back many of the weapons, but as you can guess, they haven't gotten very far," she said.

Also important, points out Keller, is that even after the Soviets pulled out of Afghanistan, the country erupted in civil war until the Taliban government took over the country. "Most Afghanis don't support this version of Islam, but they were willing to take peace from anywhere they could get it," said Keller.

When the panel opened to student questions, many students wanted to know both why this happened and also what will happen next. Jon Rick '05 speculated that people in the Middle East harbor resentment from the 1930s-40s when American companies began drilling for oil in these countries. "This was our oil, but we acquiesced in the name of selflessness," said Rick. He went on to explain that he supported the "Powell Doctrine," meaning that we should launch an all out attack on the country or countries where the terrorists resided, not just specialized attacks on the terrorists themselves.

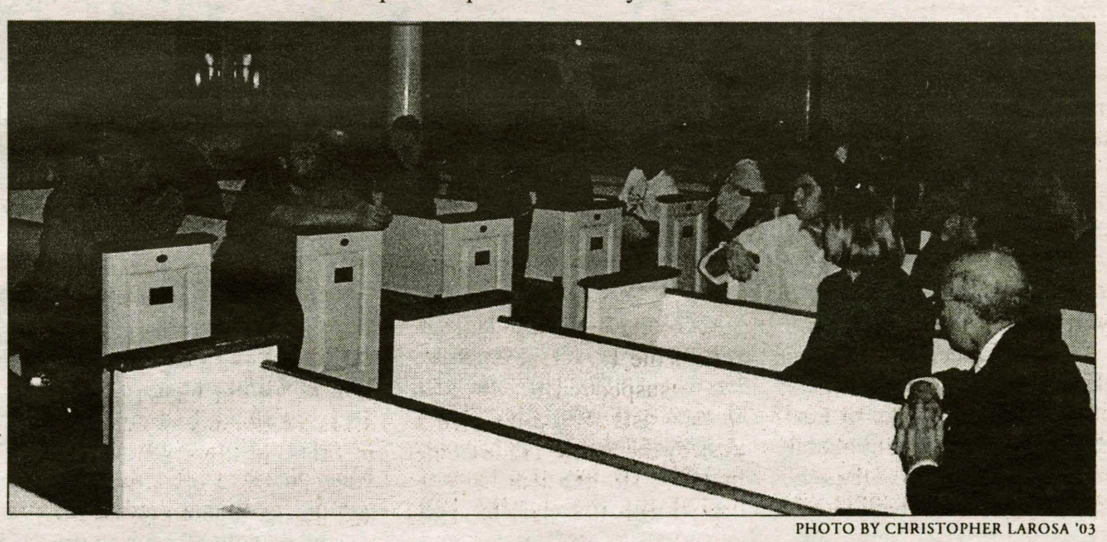
All of the professors on the panel explained that they wanted to encourage students to be more careful in assigning blame. "Acting out of gut feeling will only make this tragedy worse," said Keller.

Other students called for more peaceful resolutions. One students asked, "If we are really a democratic, free nation and democracy and a free press are prerequisites for non-violence, isn't a non-violent response best?"

Yael Aronoff, instructor of government, noted that multilateral sanctions, which have failed in the past because many countries would not participate, would be more successful in this case because so many nations would back the U.S.

Alex Popoff '02 expressed concern that Americans would lose some of their basic freedoms because of this event.

Professor of Government Stephen Orvis acknowledged that there was a possibility that Americans would lose some rights. He stressed that it is up to the American people to resist. "We have to decide for ourselves what our rights and freedoms are going to be. That's what having a democracy and a free society is about," said Orvis.



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**Community members watch as a student poses a question to the faculty panel in the Chapel on Thurday night.**

# Candlelight service held on Martin's Way

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Community members have also been meeting daily at 4 p.m. on the map on Martin's Way to join in prayer.

Wednesday evening several hundred community members gathered next to Beinecke for a candlelight vigil. Conversation hushed as participants spread flames from one candle to the next. Occasional sobs were the only audible noise.

As the silence mounted, a child's audible question, "Mommy, why are we doing this again?" underscored the question of "why?" running though the minds of everyone in attendance.

Students walked in silence to the front of the library. Several dozen additional students came out of dormitories and out of the library to listen to President Eugene Tobin's remarks on the unthinkable tragedy.

Tobin stressed the importance and purity of education in the face of senselessness. "College life is a commitment to immortality," he reminded those in attendance.

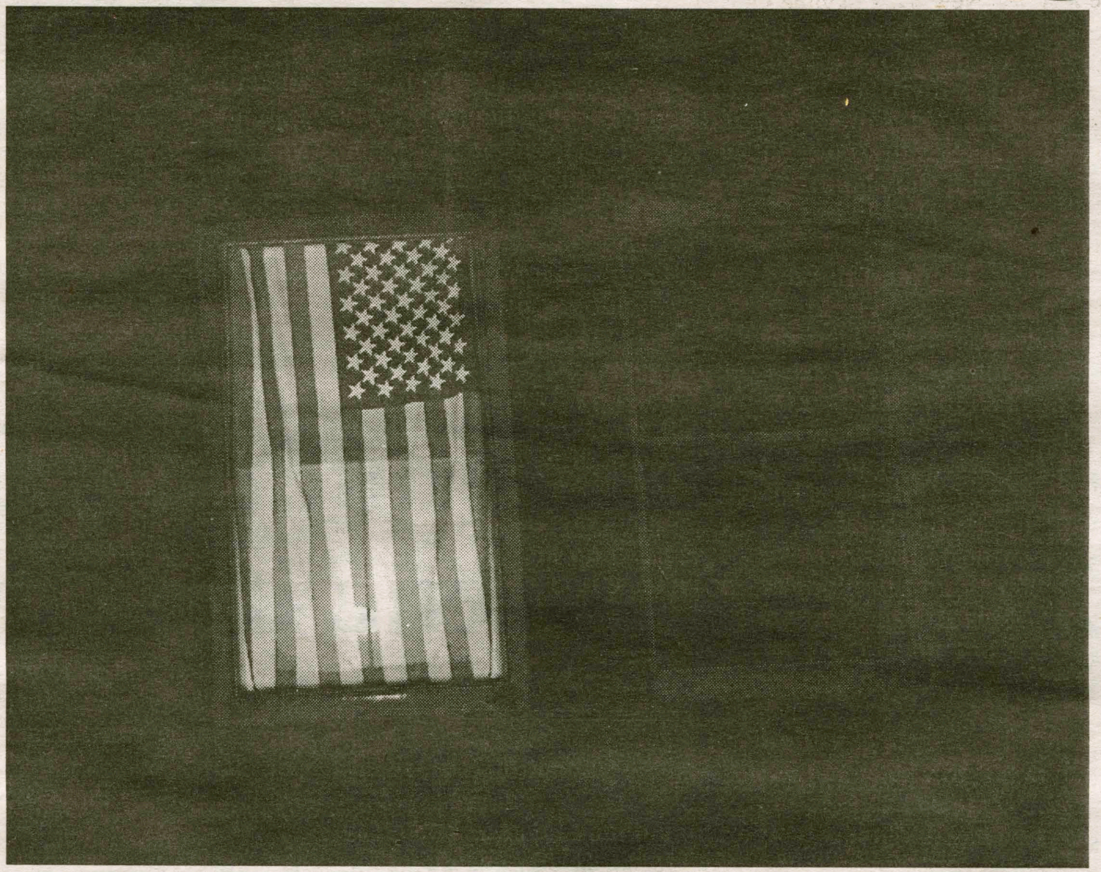
Following Tobin's remarks, those in attendance sang "Amazing Grace" before placing candles in a sandbox in front of the library.

As community members pushed candles into the sand, the silence was broken by spontaneous singing of patriotic songs such as "God Bless America," "America," and "America the Beautiful."

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson was pleased at the support community members are offering to each other in the face of enormous hardship.

"I'm really proud of our community," she said.

# Community rallies together



A flag is illuminated in a South dormitory window.

GREG GHIOZZI '03

LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Students look on hand-in-hand at the candlelight ceremony.

LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Community members gather Tuesday night at the candlelight ceremony.

# Swing Into Fall Coming

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Fall Coming '01, will again feature two nights of classic jazz in the Fillius Events Barn, sponsored by the Hamilton College Jazz Archive. In what has become a much anticipated tradition at Hamilton, a group of world class musicians hand picked by Milt Fillius '44, will swing into action at 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. This year's septet features musicians who are sure to impress the most discriminating jazz lover. Returning from last year's event are clarinetist Kenny Davern, drummer Bob Rosengarden, saxophonist/flautist Frank Wess and guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. Pianist Derek Smith, bassist Keter Betts and cornetist Warren Vache complete a group that would be a headliner at any major performance hall around the world. Collectively these musicians have performed on hundreds of jazz recordings as leaders and sidemen.

Kenny Davern has become the leading jazz clarinetist in jazz today. He has recorded with Jack Teagarden, Eddie Condon and co led Soprano Summit with fellow reed man Bob Wilbur. Kenny is a 2000 recipient of an honorary degree from Hamilton College. Bob Rosengarden has also received an honorary degree from the college in May of 1999. Equally skilled in classical, studio and jazz work, Bob has recorded with the great names in music, including Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and Gil Evans. Warren Vache was one of the main instrumentalists to keep small band swing alive in the 70's. His cornet can be heard in tandem with saxophonist Scott Hamilton on numerous recordings and he noted for his contribution to the New York Jazz Repertory Company. Bucky Pizzarelli will entrance campus guitarists with his phenomenal skill on the seven string guitar. He spent many years with Benny Goodman and was seen on television nightly as part of The Tonight Show Band. Pianist Derek Smith was also a member of this famous orchestra. A native of Great Britain, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1957 and has toured with Benny Goodman and Benny Carter and was a member of The Trio with bassist Milt Hinton and Rosengarden. Frank Wess possesses one of the most identifiable sounds in jazz. His skill on the tenor sax and flute played a major role in the success of the Count Basie Orchestra and he recorded a number of classic albums with the New York Jazz Quartet. Keter Betts has played bass with a long list of jazz legends. He has a special affinity with singers and enjoyed a long working relationship with vocalist Ella Fitzgerald.

With the marvelous acoustics of the events barn, this is an opportunity for music lovers not to be missed. Admission is free for the Hamilton community. Video interviews with all of these musicians may be accessed at the Hamilton College Jazz Archive. Contact Director Monk Rowe at x4071 for further information.

# Editorial
## The Spectator

## Editorial

The United States is currently experiencing one of its darkest weeks. Thousands of lives were lost, the New York skyline will forever be changed, a massive section of the Pentagon is in shambles, and America's feeling of invincibility has been indefinitely shattered.

It is only natural to be angry. We should feel nothing but contempt for those who masterminded and executed these despicable acts of terrorism. What we should not do, however, is direct our anger toward people whom we feel are associated with the responsible parties on the basis of their race or ethnic background. Such empty and false accusations are counterproductive to what we should be doing as a nation-uniting and supporting each other so that we can deal with this tragedy together.

While much of the evidence dug up by the FBI thus far has pointed to enemies in the Middle East, in particular Osama bin Laden, that does not mean that all Arabs and Muslims in the U.S. should be discriminated against. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani stressed this in a recent press conference in light of several reported attacks in the New York area on people of Arab descent, including NYC cab drivers. People across the country have made a point of looking up the word "Arab" in the yellow pages and calling those numbers to make death threats.

Let's make sure that such acts of hatred based on race do not occur here at Hamilton. Anyone with half a brain, which should apply to everyone here on the Hill, must realize that no one here, regardless of heritage, race, or religion, condones the cowardly attack on innocent civilians. It's no secret that Hamilton has had its problems with incidents of racism and discrimination in the past, but now, more than ever, is our chance as a campus to redeem ourselves. Let's show how compassionate and tolerant of a campus we really are and help erase the memories of incidents of bigotry and stupidity.

We would do well to heed the words of Mayor Giuliani and make no connections between innocent Arab-Americans and the faceless cowards who declared war on the U.S. this past Tuesday morning. There have already been encouraging signs throughout our community: a candlelit procession promoting campus solidarity; flowers left on the library steps and American flags placed in the soil in front of the library; and even such subtle acts as large gatherings of students gluing themselves to the various televisions spread across campus, watching together as the events unfolded.

Such acts have helped unify the campus and provided it with a stability our community sorely needs at this desperate hour. Let's not ruin that by pointing fingers at and directing anger toward Islamic-Americans or other groups of people. Now is a time to unite, not divide.


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# Target: My City

Amy Gross '02

This week, I am drained. All the emotion has wiped me out. It was only after hanging up three signs in my residence hall that an advisee pointed out my error. I misspelled the word "postpone." I knew it looked a little wrong, I just didn't know how.

Last night on the website of an Italian newspaper, I saw a photograph of the New York City skyline with smoke billowing out from the towers, dancing in and out between the spaces of the buildings. The city looked like it was on air, or about to rise up, as if resting on a puffy cloud. It was so wrong, but so oddly beautiful.

All the senselessness. All the death. All the suffering. What did those people on the planes think as they hurtled toward the immense skyscrapers? Did they scream and cover their faces? Did they have a chance to think anything? If it wasn't the impact of the initial crash that killed them, did they die burning? And the diligent workers who were getting an early start on their day. What must it have been like to glance up from their desks with that sensation, the one where you feel some sort of presence out of the corner of your eye, and then hear the roar of jet engines and see a 767 coming full force and head on? Target: me. Not even a chance for a last thought. The shattering of glass and smashing of steel, computers and desks and bodies and airplane parts all crashing together like the tangle of an intricate dance gone very wrong. I imagine the impact, the mingling of all these materials and bodies in slow motion, and then on pause, the split second before flame and smoke charred everything in the vicinity.

And my skyline. I say "my skyline" because New York is my home, my memories, my friends, my family. Those towers guarding the city have been a part of my entire life. Walking east or west in the village and seeing those looming friends of mine always kept me oriented, told me which way was north and which was south. They were my landmarks. They were my senior prom. Three years ago, dresses and tuxes all aruffle, laughing voices and smiling faces, the crinkle of cumbersome gowns and the clicks and taps of uncomfortable shoes. The view. Sunset from the World Trade Center with my friends and classmates of four years, saying goodbye to our shared experiences and sharing the excitement of our unknown futures. And our city. Our city spanning out in front of our eyes, reminding us of where we came from, the times we had, the possibilities to come in our lives.

That spot one hundred ten floors up where I stood with my friends contemplating the next stages of our lives no longer exists. In its place are the ruins of the unfulfilled dreams and stolen last good-byes of mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends, and loved ones. And for what? For a reason we don't even know.

Let us not forget those dreams, those lives, those possibilities of the unknown. We must come together for the solidarity of humanity, not place blame, point fingers and jump into fighting. It is still time to think about those stolen lives and shattered existences.

# The Best Response: Justice, Not Blame

Nicholas Mirick '03

Why is the U.S.'s first response to an attack finding someone to point a finger at and blame? We have people buried under piles of rubble, had men and women leaping from one-hundred plus story buildings, and the first thing we say to each other is, "Who the @!&%$ did this?" The Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff spoke at a conference Wednesday night for a total of two minutes; half of that time was spent saying that the US Armed Forces are ready to exact revenge.

Which is what has really been on everyone's lips: revenge. Whose butt are we going to kick for this? I've heard no less than ten people ask "when" we're going to start bombing Afghanistan; they don't ask if there is cause or if that is an appropriate response.

Where does revenge get us? Does it solve problems? Every time we retaliate, we further the cause of violence. Every time we point the finger and demand that cowards pay for their actions, we ensure that our children will learn that violence is the appropriate response to an attack. Why are we focusing on whom we need to kill instead of whom we can help? Wolf Blitzer is on the news asking officials who is to blame and how we're going to respond to this act of aggression. In an hour of news coverage, fifty minutes will be given to discussing the death toll and unconfirmed reports, talking to officials and speculating about who may be responsible; the last ten minutes are given to talking about the rescue efforts, like a footnote.

This has always been the American response to bad situations: seek and destroy the perceived instigator and remedy the domestic situation after our retribution is exacted. Being able to sleep at night is one thing; focusing on and internalizing hate to get through difficult times is another.

Why are people immediately rushing to blame Palestinians? So there are some zealot Palestinians; what religious group doesn't have some zealots? Not every Christian runs out to bomb abortion clinics, not every Jewish man or woman is a militant Zionist. Should we get up in arms about them too? A Pakistani friend of mine at Boston College was nearly assaulted by a group of ten angry guys on Tuesday. How is that constructive at all?

Think about the greatest tragedies in recent American history and who the perpetrators have been. Oklahoma City? American dissidents. The Challenger Accident? American error. Waco? Ruby Ridge? American dissidents and the FBI. Any other number of tragedies follow the same trend. Why do we rush to blame foreigners? Haven't we learned that we're our greatest threat yet? Does it keep people warm and safe at night, being able to point the finger at someone else?

Blame is not what we should be focusing on right now. We have fellow Americans buried under tons of steel, cement, and glass. We have enemies we haven't even heard from yet, and we have enemies in our backyard. We don't need to look far to find people to point fingers at, but why do we need to do so at all?

I believe we cannot let this act of aggression go unnoticed, because it demands a reaction. However, our reaction should be a metering of justice, not an act of revenge. We should find the people in the wreckage and heal our wounds. Once the anger subsides and justice demands an answer, only then should we focus on what we're going to do. We need to make sure that we don't dehumanize our enemies. As evil an act as this is, the point wasn't to kill people for the fun of it, it was to do so as a message. We cannot allow ourselves to sink into a pit of revenge. Self-righteousness makes a poor shield. Rather, we should climb atop a hill of justice and strike down.

If you believe in a higher power, prayer is always good. If not, cross your fingers and hope that we evolve into a more peaceful form of life.

# Before We Assume

Joe Livingston '02

Over the past few days since the horrific attacks in New York City and Washington, I have heard Hamilton students talk of tolerance and understanding others. Remembering Oklahoma City, my fear was that there might be a backlash against Arabs and Muslims within the United States, and perhaps even here at Hamilton. As if on schedule, there was a shooting incident at a Texas mosque and Islamic center. Reports of threats, hate, and more have been heard around the country. An Israeli friend e-mailed me, "Now you can see what your loyal friends are doing. It's high time you understood that Islam is very dangerous to all of us and if you don't change your opinions about Islam and Arabs, you may have a mental problem."

I thought that perhaps Hamilton students would rise above such ignorance and hatred, which only help to spread fear and violence. I was wrong. People I have come in contact with have been quick to condemn Muslims, to attack their culture and way of life as somehow being linked intrinsically to violence, terrorism, and abuse of women.

I thought I might offer some clarification, since ignorance is the obvious root of such remarks. According to Webster's Dictionary, an Arab is defined as "1) a member of the Semitic people of the Arabian Peninsula, 2) a member of an Arabic-speaking people." There are nearly three hundred million Arabs in the world. While many are Islamic, a large percentage are Christian. Arabs are the people giving blood in the USA and around the world to help victims of Tuesday's tragedy. Arabs are also the unfound corpses lying in the rubble. Arabs are the ones fighting in their home countries against extremist elements the same way that Americans fight extremists here. Arabs are also the Palestinians who in large numbers went to the United States consulate in Jerusalem offering their support and condolences. They are not just the few who initially cheered, and whom the media misrepresented as having a giant celebration. Arabs are professionals, political moderates, doctors, poets, scientists, volunteers, professors, and at some point, probably your neighbors.

Now that we are clear on Arabs, a few words about Islam. Islam is the world's fastest-growing religion. Contrary to what many people in the West believe, Islam is not confined to Arab countries or to the Middle East. The largest Muslim countries are in Southeast Asia. In the United States alone, there are 5,780,000 Muslims. In the world there are over 1.1 billion Muslims. It is the second-largest religion in the world. Many of these one billion plus are devout, and some are even "fundamentalist." However, like Judaism and Christianity, almost none of them are terrorists. In the United States, Muslims are Caucasians, African-Americans, Arab-Americans, and every other race and ethnic origin. Some wear special clothing, some do not. They are also found in every facet of American life, and if statistics prevail, there may have been well over one hundred Muslims killed this week in the Washington and New York City tragedies.

Yet somehow, Muslims are constantly viewed asterrorists and critics of Western society. One must denounce terrorism and even decry the Taliban (which is a brutal and repressive regime), but being specific and precise is important. Arabs and Muslims cannot be generalized as terrorists the same way Christians and Jews cannot be. And lest we forget, a "fundamentalist" Jew took the lives of dozens a few years back in a Mosque in Hebron in Palestine (West Bank). A Christian was the culprit of the Oklahoma City bombing in which nearly three hundred died.

"Fundamentalism" itself is a word with which to be careful. It is often used interchangeably with the words "religious" and "orthodox" to mean adherence to religious tenets and principles. To be clear, none of the major religions advocate the destruction of human life. Most deal with the way we treat others and the making of moral decisions. Extremists can twist any religion to imply other messages, but this does not imply that the religion supports these views. Terrorist organizations and individuals acting in the name of a religion only cause others to misperceive entire religions and cultures.

I only hope and pray that members of our community understand the differences and reject the danger and oppression fueled by generalizations, stereotypes, and hate of entire groups.

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# Watching the Towers Fall

**Sasha Kaye '05**

When my roommate's radio alarm clock went off Tuesday morning and I heard, through my early morning brain fog, that a plane had hit the World Trade Center, my first thought was, "What idiot pilot didn't see a huge building in front of him? That's what all the blinking lights on top are for." I then turned over and went back to sleep. Typical New York style-a swear word for the incompetent, then back to your own business. Twenty minutes later, I sat watching the news in disbelief as the second tower crumbled to the ground. One thought ran through my head in time with the headlines that ran across the TV screen: "No, this can't be happening-that's where I live, that's my home."

A tragedy always seems that much greater when it strikes the place where you live; is always that much more painful when there's a possibility that your family and friends were involved. I was very lucky. Beyond being shaken up, my family is fine, as are the majority of my friends' families. As for the ones who are not, all I can do is be there for them. But for some odd reason, what reduced me to actual tears was the sight of the Manhattan skyline, engulfed in smoke, missing what used to be its most majestic part. It may seem shallow that in the wake of such a disaster I would cry over something as trivial as a skyline. Many of my friends admitted to staring at postcards and pictures they had in their dorms, not comprehending how the view could be without its tallest pillars. Why would we weep for something only aesthetically pleasing when so many lives were lost? We New Yorkers believe that everything we have is the best and the biggest. When you take down the biggest that the best has, where does that leave us? It left me feeling vulnerable.

I was always under the impression that New York and New Yorkers were invincible. The tall, strong buildings; the powerful subways; the inhabitants who keep going day and night, unmoved by the confusion and chaos around them. So much iron, cement, glass, sweat, energy, and life are pressed into those five boroughs that it just seems impossible to me that any group of people could stop it.

The pictures and stories my family sent of silent, debris-covered streets do not look or sound like the city I left a month ago, the city I've lived in my whole life and pride myself on knowing so well. And that scared me. The towers were so familiar. I should have looked at those unfamiliar rubble covered streets and been able to know that this was my city because there are the towers of the World Trade Center behind them.

I do not mean to imply that this is not a national tragedy or to belittle what happened in Washington in any way. People all over the country have lost loved ones in this disaster, and the ramifications for the nation as a whole are very real. It's just that everyone walks around talking about World War III and nuclear bombs and retaliation, and all I can think of is how violated I feel. Despite my anger at whoever is responsible, I'm not sure how I would feel if my country were responsible for violating someone else's home.

New York City has a rhythm to it, a pulse, if you will, that beats in every New Yorker. As I watch the World Trade Center crumble over and over again on the news, the lump in my throat returns. But the pulse of the city, which has stayed with me even since I've been up here on the slower, calmer Hill, is still there, and it always will be. No terrorist could ever stop it.

# We Wake Up.

**Laurie Beth Northrup '03**

There is very little about Tuesday's tragedy that others have not already said. It would be an empty gesture for me to even try. However, as I walked around campus that day and talked to people, I couldn't help noticing how this traumatic event affected us here on the Hill.

Considering Hamilton students' usual ignorance of current events, it was stunning that we even knew within hours or even minutes. We all joke about how insulated from the rest of the world we are. Often we joke about living on a "bubble on a hill." Some people act as if this apathy about current events is a sort of privilege, and it certainly is a luxury. We're so absorbed in our cliques and the tiny universe of this campus that what happens everywhere else seems like an afterthought. National and world events seem very far away as we live our weekdays on an academic calendar and our weekends...well, we live our weekends.

On Tuesday morning our bubble here on the hill popped. For that one day we were all huddled around the same televisions. We all scrambled for news about our loved ones in New York and Washington. We were all stunned and frightened. For the first time since my arrival on this campus, I could tell that the same thing was on everyone's minds. Staff, faculty, and students everywhere on campus had the same feelings of shock and anger as the rest of the country and the rest of the world.

For once, we were there for each other; we were a community. We gathered daily in the Chapel for news just as Hamilton students did years ago. My friends and neighbors spent Tuesday afternoon watching CNN in my room. We crowded into my tiny room, sharing our shock and fear. I'm sure there were other such gatherings all over campus.

I'm not saying that it's good that this event united us, because it isn't. It simply saddens me to realize that the people of this campus-myself included, I admit-will only leave behind our petty concerns and worry about the outside world when a disaster of this magnitude occurs, and only when it occurs in our own country.

# A Plea For No More Killing

**Peter Brunette '02**

I was horrified by the terrible attacks on Tuesday morning. I spent the day, along with the rest of the world, huddled near a television, unable to believe the horrific images. Tuesday morning's attacks are the single most devastating event of my lifetime. The attacks were clearly carried out in a manner intended to take as many innocent lives as possible. This type of terrorism should never be allowed to exist in any form anywhere.

In the aftermath, I have only fear that our government will not bring justice, but cause more deaths and suffering throughout the world. Taking more lives can only aggravate the situation. What follows is my advice for our world leaders on how to limit suffering instead of increasing it.

We must not be drawn into retaliatory strikes. No one has claimed responsibility, and those directly responsible are already dead in the plane crashes. The U.S. must act rationally instead of acting on anger and hatred.

We must not use this tragedy as an excuse to attack old enemies. It seems likely that Bush and the government will use these attacks as an excuse to bomb Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. The best circumstances we could hope for in this type of situation are something similar to the US involvement in Yugoslavia where hundreds, if not thousands of civilians were killed by stray missiles or because they happened to live too close to a military target. The worst that we could expect is an all out war against the Islamic world, which would directly and indirectly result in countless deaths.

We must not go to war. A war might prove to the world that the U.S. is tough, but everyone already knows that. We spend more on our military than most countries of the world put together; the other top spenders are our allies. The recent attacks have been compared to Pearl Harbor, but then we had a clear enemy; these attacks were perpetrated by a small terrorist group. To start a war against a suspected country would be like destroying New Orleans because there are so many murderers there. Moreover, the war that followed Pearl Harbor caused well over forty million deaths, most of them civilians.

We must not retaliate against civilians or countries. If we bomb those who harbor terrorists, should we have bombed Kingman, Arizona, Timothy McVeigh's homebase, for harboring him? The implication is that Arabs are all terrorist or terrorist sympathizers and that it is permissable to kill them. An attack by terrorists is no reason to go to war against entire countries.

We must not fall into the racist belief that all Arabs are terrorists, or that all terrorists are Arabs. We must not murder civilians. Every civilian killed is a civilian murdered, whether by terrorists or by the U.S. army. Life is precious; taking life is murder.

We must address why twenty clearly intelligent people would be willing to give their lives for these attacks. People, as a matter of course, do not give up their lives unless there is an overpowering reason to do so. The World Trade Center towers were symbols of western economic dominance and control over the world. The Pentagon is a symbol of the strongest military in the world, a military responsible for thousands of deaths in Iraq, unilateral military coups in Grenada and Panama, support of Columbia's thirty-year civil war, and the bombing of a pharmaceutical factory in Afghanistan, among other actions.

The solution to stopping terrorism is not more military repression, but less. The solution is more equitable distribution of wealth throughout the world and a government committed to encouraging peace instead of building military strength.

## *Thumbs Up*

- American pride
- Million dollar renovations to the G- Road Apartments
- Single people ready to mingle
- The Forever Leather guy
- Best friends from home visiting for the weekend *
- Jitney-diving as the newest addition to the X-games
- Gamma Xi's fundraiser for disaster victims
- Narnold's decision *
- Keystone Recycling Club making at least as much as the minimum wage earners at the pasta bar

## *Thumbs Down*

- Collars up
- Bundy East & West
- Societies not having the balls to throw Bundy parties
- Diner meal costs more than a 30-pack of Keystone
- Northrup's diet (granola, Kool-Aid, and cheese) *
- Guys wearing sunglass straps (Mark Rodowski)
- Sweating in class because you're on Hydroxycut and Xenedrine
- Waiting 20 minutes in Commons to get a freakin' hamburger

## *Who Cares?*

- Freshman guys
- Drunk rugby players looking like morons in Commons
- Getting voted off the island *
- Crew team
- Freshman girls with boyfriends
- Anything past Babbitt on the dark side
- Chris Fogelstrom being awesome *

*Kaufmann did not put this in on thumbs up & down

*by I&I contributor Dan Kaufmann '03*

# Shark attacks bite!

## Summer incidents create media feeding frenzy

by Hannah Stahle '03
*SCIENCE EDITOR*

This summer shark attacks have become a big deal. There have been stories of surfers dragged off their boards by ten-foot sharks, of swimmers wrestling sharks to shore, and even of a fisherman who caught a shark containing the remains of one very unfortunate man. Everyone has heard the grisly details of the little boy who had his arm bitten off in an attack by a bull shark in only two feet of water, not to mention the story of the Wall Street banker who crawled ashore after a horrible shark attack that occurred during his vacation. Images of these unfortunate incidents kept some Americans out of the water this summer, but is there really any need to worry?

While the sharks are making their presence felt this summer, the media began a feeding frenzy of their own. *Time Magazine* ran a cover story with the headline "Summer of the Sharks," frightening swimmers and sunbathers across the country. Despite the frequent number of recent attacks, there is nothing out of the ordinary going on.

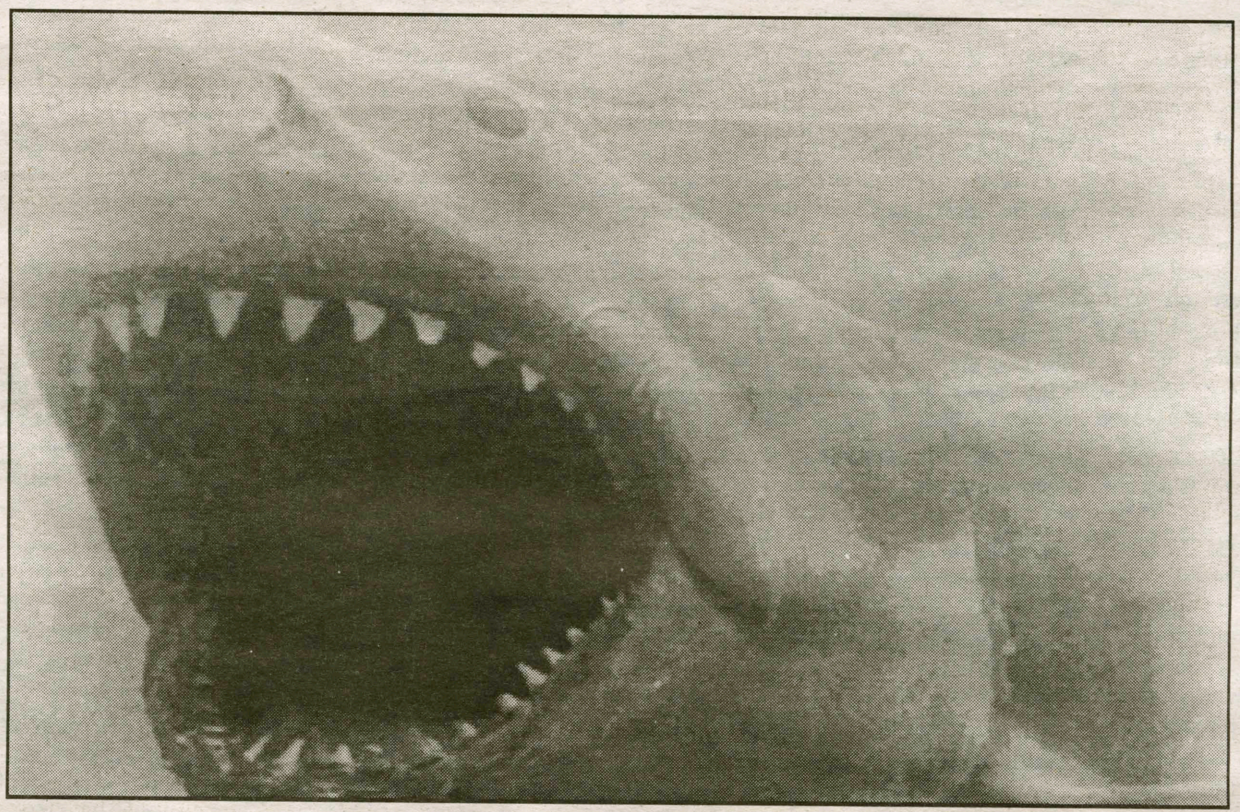
According to George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File at the University of Florida, "It's not like it's been an outstanding year; it's been an average year. The main thing is we had two or three high profile attacks...that kind of got the media's attention."

Every year there are roughly 70 to 100 unprovoked shark attacks worldwide. Of these attacks only about five to fifteen prove fatal, although the worldwide totals are difficult to gauge, as many attacks go unreported and little of the data includes incidents from third world countries, where there is no media to report the attacks.

Last year there were a total of 79 unprovoked attacks worldwide (the most since 1958), with two thirds of those occurring in North American waters. Fifty-one of these attacks occurred in the United States, mostly in Florida. Only ten of the attacks proved fatal, and only one victim was from the United States.

With summer and the shark attack season, which begins in the late spring, coming to a close, there have been significantly fewer attacks to report this year. Only 48 unprovoked attacks have occurred so far this year, 37 of which took place in the United States, and 28 of those occurred in Florida. So far this year, there has only been one shark attack fatality, occurring in Brazil.

Although no one can dispute that the number of unprovoked shark attacks is rising at a relatively steady rate, there is no mystery behind this phenomenon. There are simply an increasing number of surfers and swimmers in the water, increasing the chances for a shark/human encounter.



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**Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water...it is. Contrary to the media hype, the number of shark attacks worldwide this summer was actually lower than normal.**

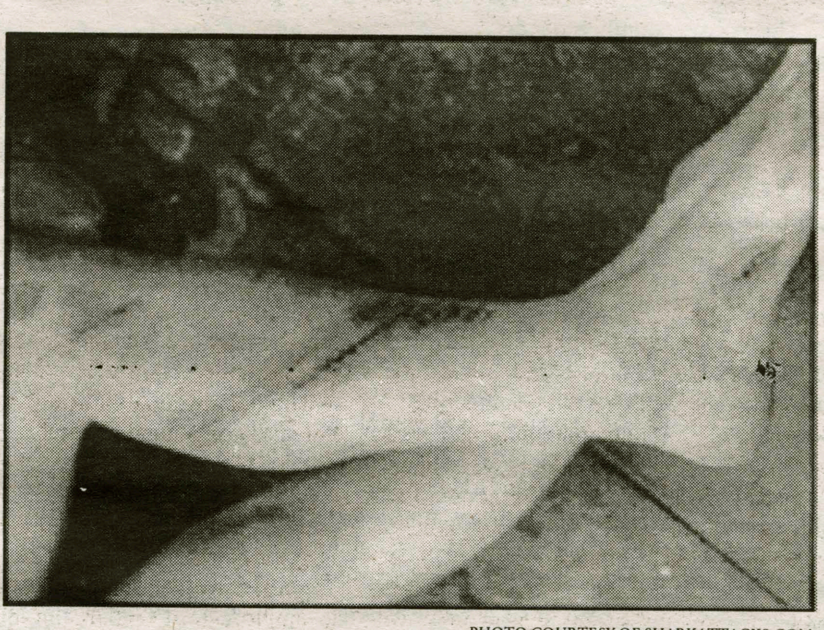
There are 300 species of sharks, (ranging in size from 6 inches to 50 feet) with which humans could possibly come in contact. Fortunately, only 35 of these species have ever been known to attack humans, and only four species attack with some semblance of regularity: the tiger shark, the bull shark, the oceanic white tip, and the great white shark.

Unfortunately for us, these sharks exist solely on a diet of meat, fresh or otherwise. Sharks have incredibly sharp senses, which they use for hunting. They locate their prey through taste, smell, and hearing. Their sense of smell is so acute that they can detect blood in the water at a dilution of one part per million.

Sharks also employ another tactic when hunting. They use electromagnetic sensing to locate food. Every living creature produces an electric field to some extent, due to a pumping heart and movement. This electromagnetic sense is so keen in sharks that they can measure changes in surrounding electric currents at about five billionths of a volt, making it difficult for prey to escape their notice.

Despite their spectacular sensing abilities sharks do attack humans mistaking them for food. There are three categories into which all unprovoked shark attacks fit: hit-and-run, bump-and-bite, and sneak attacks.

Hit-and-run attacks are the most common and are usually perpetrated by both oceanic white tips and tiger sharks. They occur close to the shore, where the sharks have come to feed on schools of fish. Unfortunately, some surfers and swimmers get in the way. In these cases the sharks are usually confused by cloudy water or crashing waves and attack because of mistaken identity. Shiny jewelry, contrasting bathing suits, or tan lines, and splashing can cause sharks to attack.



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**Even though severe attacks are rare, sharks still have a leg up on the competition**

When a shark attacks in the hit-and-run manner, the shark usually bites quickly, realizes that it is tasting the wrong prey, and lets go and swims away. In the majority of these case, the sharks are never actually seen, and the bites only cause minor injuries, usually on the legs somewhere below the knee.

A more serious type of attack is the bump-and-bite attack, which occurs in deeper waters. In most cases swimmers and divers are the victims, and the shark bumps the victims repeatedly prior to the attack. Bull sharks are most often responsible for this type of attack, which is thought to be some type of antagonistic behavior and is not viewed as a case of mistaken identity.

Finally, the sneak attacks are the most serious types, leading to the most fatalities. Tiger sharks, bull sharks, and great white sharks will attack and bite with no warning, and in many instances will keep attacking. It is thought that this type of attack is due to feeding behaviors, although it is not completely understood.

Despite all the stories of these types of attacks we hear on the news practically every evening, it is important to remember that, on average, shark attacks are so rare that people actually have a better chance of being struck by lightning than being bitten by a shark. It is also true that more people are injured each year by faulty wiring on Christmas trees than by sharks.

Even with the recent rash of highly publicized shark attacks occurring in Florida this summer, there is no correlation to shark attacks and an increase in the shark population; in fact, the shark population is in decline. About eighty percent of all species of sharks are threatened with extinction due to over-fishing.

Sharks are caught for food, as their fins are a delicacy; for their skin; and for their cartilage, which is being used in the treatment of cancer. Because sharks reproduce very slowly and usually in very small numbers, the population will continue to decrease.

Recently, many conservation associations have recognized the plight of sharks and taken steps to protect them. Many are becoming more affectionate toward the creatures as well, and many people in Australia were actually taking sight-seeing boats out into the ocean to view great white sharks feeding on a right whale carcass. Many people actually climbed onto the carcass and were petting the great white sharks as they fed.

With continuing attitudes like this, there will be either an increase in the shark population, or a decline in the human population. Hopefully, the former will prove true.

# Becoming a Nobel Prize Laureate takes a little more than a Hamilton education

by Heather VanGuilder '02
*SENIOR SCIENCE WRITER*

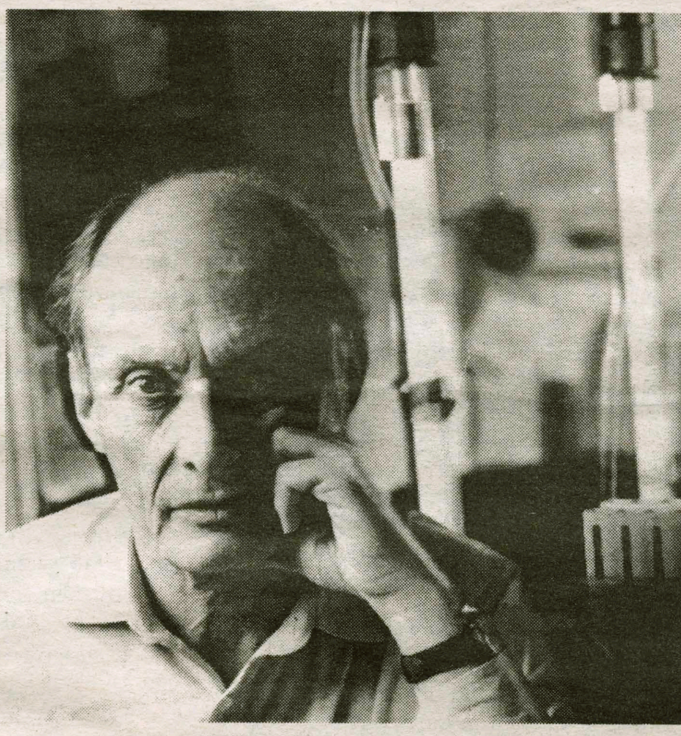
Dr. Paul Greengard '48, Hamilton's second Nobel laureate, was one of three neuroscientists named to receive the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine this summer. Born in New York City in 1925, he began work in physics in his teens while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was sent to MIT at the age of 17 to help develop an early-warning airborne detection system. Greengard matriculated into Hamilton in 1946 and graduated in 1948, majoring in mathematics and physics, returning in 1995 to present the annual Plant Lecture and again this August to address the Hamilton community at the College's 190th Convocation ceremony.

After changing his area of interest toward the field of biophysics, which was an emerging discipline in the 1940s, Dr. Greengard went on to earn a Ph.D. in biophysics at the Johns Hopkins University and carried out five years of postdoctoral work in London. Teaching was apparently in his blood, because after eight years at the Geigy Research Laboratories, Paul instructed at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and later at Yale University. In 1983, he became the director of the neuroscience laboratory at Rockefeller University, where he is now the Vincent Astor Professor. Dr. Greengard heads the Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience and directs the Fisher Center for Research on Alzheimer's Disease at the Rockefeller University.

Greengard won this year's Nobel Prize for insights into the way information is communicated within cells. His work, which has been integrated into the neuroscience curriculum at Hamilton, reveals some of the fundamental mechanisms of how the brain works and has identified potential therapies for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

Dr. Greengard was one of the first to offer physiological evidence that estrogen therapy may prevent the onset of Alzheimer's, which is characterized by the buildup of plaques in the brain. The discovery provided the first molecular evidence of why estrogen replacement therapy offers post-menopausal women partial protection from the disease.

His research also focuses on the formation of new synapses, the junctions between nerve cells. Neurons communicate with other cells by releasing chemical messengers called neurotransmitters. These chemicals bind to receptors in the cell membrane of the subsequent neuron. Paul Greengard proposed that neurotransmitters exert their effects through the activation of second messenger molecules linked to receptors in a process that leads to protein kinase reactions that result in the adding of a phosphorous molecule to a protein. Once the protein is phosphorylated, its function is altered to cause numerous intracellular effects.



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**Dr. Greengard reflects on science at Hamilton (maybe)**

Nearly 25 years ago, Greengard discovered a family of neuron-specific phosphoproteins called synapsins that regulate such the formation of synapses, providing a basis for new approaches for treating and delaying the onset of Alzheimer's, which is characterized by the degeneration of neurons and loss of synapses. His research has resulted in descriptions of the cascade of reactions involved in the effects of the neurotransmitter dopamine, which plays a crucial role in Parkinson's Disease. These cascades are applicable to other neurotransmitter systems, but a model for neurons affected by dopamine is particularly important to Greengard's research.

In Parkinson's disease, the dopamine-producing neurons in the brain degenerate, and in Huntington's chorea, the neurons stimulated by dopamine die off. Treatment for schizophrenia involves the blocking of dopamine receptors by antipsychotic drugs, which implies that the neurotransmitter is involved in the cause of this disease.

Greengard has won many honors in addition to the Nobel Prize, including the Metropolitan Life Foundation Award for Medical Research, the National Academy of Sciences Award in the Neurosciences, the Ralph W. Gerard Prize, the Leiber Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Schizophrenia Research, and the Ellison Medical Foundation Senior Scholar Award.

Dr. Greengard and his wife, Ursula von Rydingsvard, donated the $50,000 personal award from the Met Life Foundation Award plus an additional personal contribution of $50,000 to create the Pearl Meister Distinguished Lecture Series. The annual series, a memorial to Greengard's mother, will bring outstanding women scientists to the Rockefeller University campus in an attempt to combat discrimination.

# Population Growth and the Green Revolution

by Sarah McNeil '04
*CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

How often do you really think about the consequences of your everyday actions in relation to the rest of the world?

From 1950 to 1997 the world's population jumped from 3 billion to 5.9 billion? A magnitude of billions of people is almost unfathomable to most of us, and by 2030 the population is estimated to be 7.1 billion.

Needless to say, this population boom has many impliations. In particular, grain production has had to increase by three fold in the past fifty years in order to keep up with this exponential population growth. Without recent technological advances world hunger would be an even bigger problem than it is today. This is where the Green Revolution comes in to play.

The Green Revolution began in the early 80s, with the now familiar television ads of the bloated bellies and skinny legs of an African child wrapped in a movie star's arms, begging us to send money. This and other such propaganda altered society to the plight of the starving. Subsequently, large amounts of money and time were spent on increasing the crop-yield in poorer regions of the world in order to wipe out hunger. It is with this money that scientists have found ways to triple worldwide food production through genetic engineering.

Fundamental to the Green Revolution is the science of agriculture. Gene mutation is one way that science is aiding the increase in food production. Scientists add a gene to one crop, making it resistant to pesticides. Unwanted crops and weeds, on the other hand, are not given this gene mutation. Then, when the farmer adds the pesticide to the area, only the unwanted plants die.

Research has also lead to the discovery and the use of dwarf plants. These plant allows more grain to grow on each stalk due to its shorter height and fatter stalk. More grain per stalk means more grain per acre, and therefore more production overall.

These processes, in addition to the ecological education of farmers worldwide, have allowed for an average two-fold increase in grain production. In some cases, production has even increasedby eight-fold. China, India, Mexico, Pakistan and the Phillipines, as well as many other countries have since put millions of dollars into funding for such agricultural research.

In the past ten years, however, the rate of increase of food production has slowed, and has decreased in some cases. *Science Magazine* explains, "China [for example] is losing arable land and exhausting its water supply, while explosive economic growth and a shift in consumption from rice and wheat to meat will drive up its demand for grain." To many, this spells out imminent disaster.

The solution to this problem remains elusive, and effective steps to ward off this disaster have yet to be taken. Some researchers believe that worldwide starvation is unavoidable; the physical limitations of Earth must be taken in to account. Harvest indexes, for example, (the ratio of the weight in grain to the weight in the entire plant), are maxing out, as are the quantities of fertilizer dumped on farms. The prospect of higher yields in some cases seems impossible.

Some researchers, however, are more optimistic and believe that the answer lies in finding new sources of increasing crop production. On the Green Revolution, *Science Magazine* points out: "Because increasing the harvest index will be difficult, progress will lie in combining a variety of approaches-breeding strains that better resist disease, tolerate acidic or metallic soils, or provide better nutrition."

Tapping unused resources is another area to be further investigated. Africa, for example, is widely unfarmed, but if a better method of irrigation were to be discovered, many argue that it would have the potential to lead to an increase in worldwide food production.

Others argue that the final answer lies in social reform. Ultimately a nation's social and economic problems, such as poor infrastructure, prohibit efficient and effective transportation of crops. If a country cannot get food to all the people then growing more food is not worthwhile. As an executive director of Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy, social problems often have to be dealt with before hunger problems. The remarkable difference in China, where the number of hungry people dropped from 406 million to 189 million, almost begs the question: which has been more effective at reducing hunger-the Green Revolution or the Chinese Revolution, in which broad-based changes in access to land paved the way for rising living standards?"

Indeed, the problem of world hunger might only be solved through such extremes. We, however, are the experiment, and only time will tell the limits of the Green Revolution.

# Arts & Entertainment

## John von Duffel speaks to the campus about his latest work, *Ego*

*Kathleen McGrory '05 goes on an "ego trip," guided by author John von Duffel*

*"I am a great believer in the first glance. There is nothing more mysterious than one's immediate effect on others." - John von Duffel,* Ego.

His initial effect on me was hardly mysterious. John von Duffel was clearly German, exhibiting the characteristic short blonde hair and blue eyes, and sitting quietly in the intimate Browsing Room of CJ. The first glance, in this case, was hardly out of the ordinary.

The chapel bell chimed, four o'clock arrived, and von Duffel's silence broke. The speaker, on campus as part of "The Body in Motion", introduced himself as a theater producer, director, and playwright. Many years in theater, however, had jaded the Northern German native, who in recent years sought the novel as a new form of expression. "I wanted to be able make different times, different languages, and different people connect and disconnect," he described. "I wanted to write novels."

Von Duffel has since written and published three novels, each originally written in German and translated into French, Italian, and most recently, English. "It is strange to find what is transportable into another language," he remarked. "You'd be surprised to find what can be said and what can't be said."

Von Duffel then pulled out a small hardcover book, the cover depicting a close- up picture of well toned pecs and abs. "Ego," he laughed, citing the title. "It's easy. The same in German and in English."

Von Duffel began to read aloud from the first chapter of his novel. In choppy sentences narrated in the first person, the German author began the curious story of a fitness- crazed man, admiring his navel. Yes, the protagonist was admiring his very own navel. The narcissistic character then proceeded to praise the many well toned parts of his body and graciously complement his chest hair.

At this point, I must admit, I was wondering exactly what I was doing at this conference. I had hardly expected to hear about fitness and body building, and I honestly had no clue that chest hair was on the afternoon's agenda.

Von Duffel continued reading aloud the stream of conscious thoughts of the self-absorbed narrator. For a little over a half an hour, he read nothing but words of self praise and glorification. Literally, nothing else. Phrases like "I could burst fitness," and "Women all over wanted me. I am the most self-confident person in the world." I was tiring of the topic really quickly. However, Von Duffel's crisp sentences and informal diction created a genuine feel. The words seemed to roll off his tongue. Was it possible to be poignant when describing the confessions of a fitness crazed thirty-something?

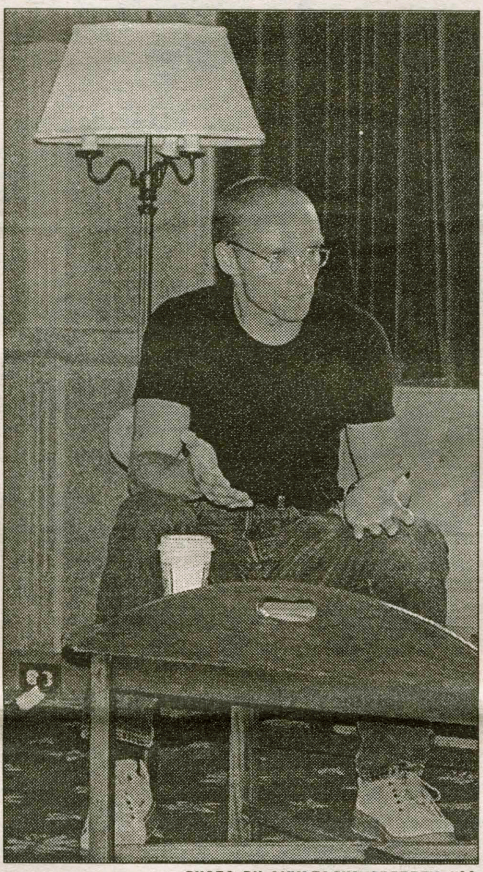

PHOTO BY ANNATASHA GRITTEN '03

**von Duffel gives a relaxed and captivating reading of his novel, *Ego*.**

Somewhere along the way, I had become fascinated with the main character's incessant pursuit of perfection. Perhaps this main character was actually disillusioned hardly ideal in the eyes of others. This Adonis complex and sheer vanity intrigued me, even though the concepts seemed foreign. But were they really?

Within no time at all, listening to Von Duffel's monologue seemed more like tapping into the thoughts of a living, breathing person. Though sometimes choppy and incoherent, Von Duffel's stream of conscious writing became surprisingly fluid. Sitting in the cozy Browsing Room, I took a detailed look into the mind of the main character and, ultimately into my own.

When the reading had finished, the seemingly shallow topic of John von Duffel's *Ego* had developed into an intellectual discussion between the author and a handful of students and faculty. Had the author intended irony by creating a male character obsessed with his physical appearance in place of the stereotypical female character? Was the novel actually a metaphor for capitalism, showing how man could self-destruct in a society that competes for everything, including happiness and love?

Though von Duffel cited his use of a male character as "historical justice for the female stereotype," he was intentionally unclear as to any other thematic concerns. He replied, "At present, literature can't be judging or criticizing on a great scale. It can only attempt to make accurate descriptions and influence awareness."

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**1:30 PM, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30**

**Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back NR 2 hrs. 00 min.**
**TBA**

**Jeepers Creepers R 1 hr. 30 min.**
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**Musketeer, The PG-13 1 hr. 45 min.**
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**Others, The PG-13 1 hr. 54 min.**
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**Princess Diaries, The G 1 hr. 50 min.**
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**Rat Race PG-13 2 hrs. 05 min.**
**1:35 PM, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35**

**Rock Star R 1 hr. 50 min.**
**1:25 PM, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25**

**Rush Hour 2 PG-13 1 hr. 45 min.**
**1:50 PM, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45**

## Artsy Fartsy

"Hell for me is running laps in a department store."

PHOTO BY PRIYANKA KHANNA '04

**Carter bares his soul.**

Professor Criag Latrell describes *him* as "tall." *He* calls himself, "a typical Aries. Gregarious, Obnoxious and loud, but in an endearing way, of course." A theater major and creative writing minor, *he* is a familiar face on campus. A member of the improv comedy troupe Yodapez, *he* was also seen in last year's plays *The Seagull* and *No Exit*. *He* spent the summer doing research with a professor in Bali, Indonesia, and Malayasia. His new play, *Circling Alcestis*, is a Greek tragedy, and *he* hopes to make it an intercultural experience. Along with Andrew Jillings, *he* works on the ropes course. At the *Spectator* we thought that this Columbus, Ohio native would be the best person to kick off **"Artsy Fartsy,"** our new series highlighting creativity on this campus.

**Carter Cox '03.** Funny, unpredictable, and entertaining. Here's what he had to say to an obnoxious A&E writer:

**Likes?** Films and books, the Fall, the Canadian Rockies, Sarnac Black Forest( "the best beer ever made!"), and New England clam chowder.

**Dislikes?** The fact that I have no athletic capabilities whatsoever.

**Favorite Film?** Hitchock's *Strangers on a Train*. *The Virgin Suicides* comes a close second.

**Favorite Actor?** Mark Rufalo, Kevin Spacey, and Jimmy Stewart.

**Favorite musician?** John Mayer (who is playing at Colgate this weekend)

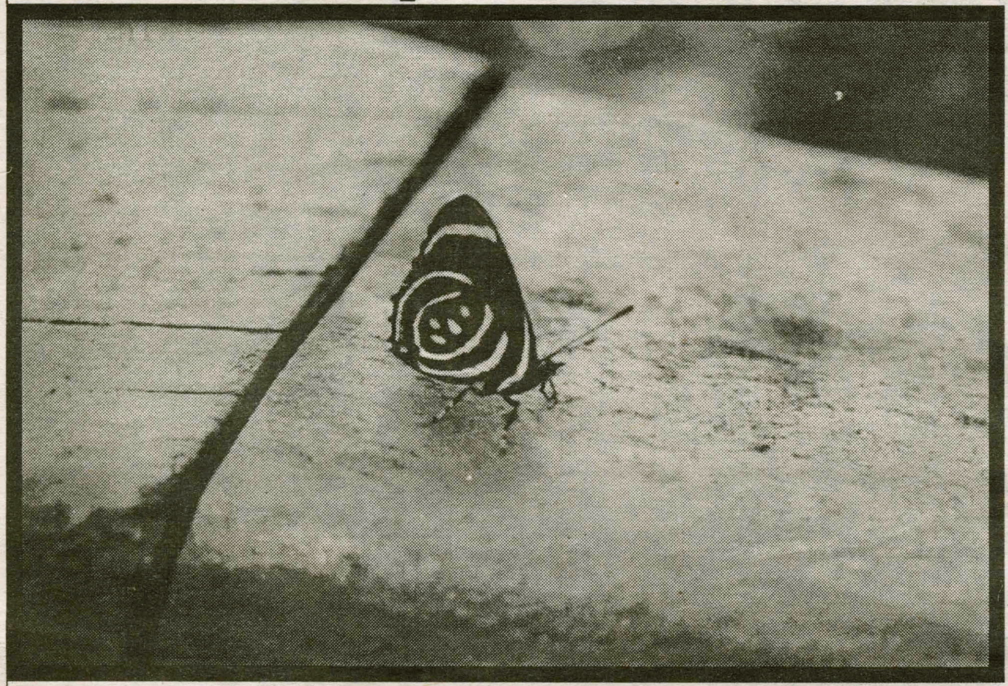
**Why Hamilton?** Because Denison was too close to home! It was what I wanted: a small liberals arts school in the Northeast.

**The one thing he wants to do before graduation?** Drive cross country and sky dive. (Ok, so that's two)

**Famous last words?** "Dr. Pepper is my soul in a can. The terrible thing about this is that it is a curse. Because after you drink it, you have to pee. So I'm peeing my soul out!"
(see picture alongside!)

**Definitely a "Cox"ism.**

# The Spectacle



*Welcome to The Spectacle!*

*The Spectacle is an old tradition of the Arts and Entertainment section started in order to showcase the artistic talents of this community.*

*As the Arts and Entertainment Editors, we would like to invite any photoartists to please contribute their artwork. We will try to include all of the submissions. Please get your artwork in as soon as possible so that we can ensure that it will be included this semester.*

*-Priyanka and Chris*

*Please submit any artwork to Chris Fogelstrom (cfogelst) or Priyanka Khanna (pkhanna) or send an email to spec@hamilton.edu.*

**This Photograph was taken by Christopher Viapiano '02**

# Temperamental *Rockstar*

**Darcy Lewis '02 endures *Rockstar's* highs and lows**

Everyone wants to be a rock star at one time or another. We understand from countless movies that living the life of a rock star has its perks as well as its downfalls. The new film *Rock Star* succeeds in portraying the downside of the business without even touching on the unbelievably grand upsides that musicians can have in their lives. Mark Wahlberg and Jennifer Aniston star in this wasted, overly circular tale of a young man who gets a chance to live his dream and instead learns the heavily moral lesson that love, friends, and freedom is better by a truckload than a whole armada of girls, drugs, money, and fans.

*RockStar* marks the third time Mark Wahlberg is out in front for a movie, and unlike in *Boogie Nights*, a similar tale of fame corrupting the common man, Marky Mark looks ill at ease with his starring role. All innocent smiles and cutesy faces, Wahlberg plays Chris "Izzy" Cole, a young man obsessed with his favorite band, *Steel Dragon*. Even though Chris is a copy machine repairman who sings in his church choir and who is loved by his family by day, by night he is the lead singer of a big hair tribute band that goes by the name of *Blood Pollution*. See the irony? If for some reason you can't, don't worry, because the gravity and significance of each situation is driven home by a string of absurd events that happen over and over, only each time, Chris is on different sides. Chris is a guy who worships his idol's music, but doesn't write his own. When his tribute band kicks him out for being too rigid with the rules, Chris gets an unexpected call from *Steel Dragon*, asking him if he wants to come try out for the vacant lead singer position. Isn't that weird? Right as Chris is kicked out of his band, the leader singer of Steel Dragon is kicked out! Watch out, complicated plot ensues. No, not really. Wahlberg moves to Los Angeles, with faithful girlfriend Jennifer Aniston in tow. What happens is obvious. Wahlberg is overwhelmed by the glamour of his new life, and faithful girlfriend is pushed away.

**Mark Wahlberg fronts the high-energy metal band, *Steel Dragon*, in *Rockstar*.**

The earlier moments in the film are the best, although I couldn't help but love the metal songs that course through the entire soundtrack. There are some bright points in the film, including Chris's accidental spill on stage, leaving him bloodied and bruised, but still ready and hyper as ever to perform onstage with his heroes. Timothy Spall (*Quadrophenia*, *Topsy-Turvy*) and Jennifer Aniston as the prophet-like manager of Steel Dragon and the girlfriend who would do anything except stay and watch the self-destruction of her boyfriend, deliver the best performances in the movie.

I began unknowingly to compare *Rock Star* to a much better film, *Almost Famous*, and perhaps that was my first mistake. Where *Almost Famous* jumps off the screen with an energy and life that is unparalleled, *Rock Star* is tired and overused. Wahlberg's latent talent as an actor (yes, I do believe it's there) was wasted on this character, who is stiff and focused on what he thinks he wants more than anything. Yes, the time period of the metal 80s was captured fairly well, but the fun and absolute abandon that the film desperately needed were not there.

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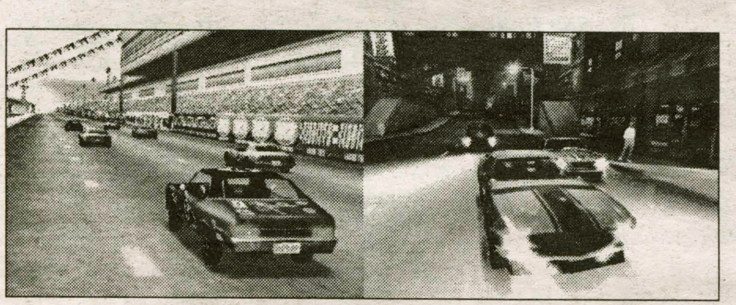


*Mithat Yaltir '03 gets behind the wheel, or rather, the joystick, to bring you the inside scoop*

"Motor City Online", the new driving game developed by Electronic Arts Entertainment, is scheduled to arrive in stores on October 30th, 2001. "Motor City Online", as the name indicates, will have multiplayer compatibility. It is not the first driving game to have a multiplayer option, but it will certainly be the first multiplayer-only driving game.

Intentionally or not, Electronic Arts will attempt to take the virtual driving experience to a new dimension, at the same time taking the competition between gaming consoles and PC games another step further. Before the Internet was widely used, graphics and sound effects played a crucial role in choosing between console games and PC games. This fact led to a competition on graphics and sound effects between the PC and console gaming developers. The quality of a game was judged on the basis of its graphics and sound effects. The Internet changed all this.

Some of the games had multiplayer options that enabled human competition on only a small scale, letting usually two, but sometimes up to four people play the same game at the same time. Widespread and fast Internet access, however, is forcing these barriers. Today, using PC software, people can chat with hundreds of other people at the same time. Of course, it didn't take long before the computer gaming industry adapted the same strategy: find a way to connect fans of a game and let them play together. World War II Online, released on 06/05/2001 by Strategy First, is a massively multiplayer game that attempts to create a virtual battlefield in which hundreds of people are fighting. Therefore, multiplayer modes in PC games can reach many more players than any console game can, not to mention the hassle one has to go through with gaming consoles, like calling friends over or paying them visits.

It seems like the PC game developers are willing to give up some quality on graphics and sound effects in order to make their games more attractive to gamers with slow Internet access. It is not hard to see that "Gran Turismo 3", another game for Playstation 2 by Polyphony Digital, beats Motor City Online when graphics are the base of comparison. DVD quality sound effects in Gran Turismo 3 are likely to beat Motor City Online again.

Does this mean that Gran Turismo 3 is going to be better than "Motor City Online?" Not necessarily. If the aim of the gamer is to get a sense of what it feels to drive a BMW M5, then the yes. However, if the gamer wants to feel the real pressure of car racing, then the answer would be no. In the near future gamers might buy both the gaming consoles and PC games. It is extremely likely that the gamers of the future will want to see what both of the scenarios described above "really" taste like.

Reader might want to check out http://www.gamespot.com for further information about the games mentioned above, such as more screenshots, trailers, etc.

*To the Hamilton Community,*

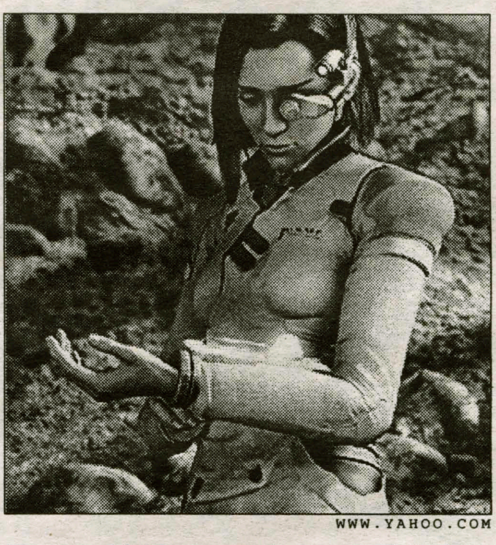
*The A&E Editors would like to offer our most sincere and heartfelt support to the many victims of terrorism. Our hearts are with you.*

# *Final Fantasy* leaves no legacy

*Linghua Pu '05 takes a look at this summer's video game crossover*

In this day and age, everybody seems to be abandoning originality. Just look at this summer's prospective blockbuster list, which consists mainly of sequels to last year's hits (i.e. *American Pie 2* and *Scary Movie 2*), or movies derived from computer or video games (i.e. *Tomb Raider*, and *Final Fantasy*). This is not to say they are not worth your time, I'm only saying that it surely would be nice to see a movie with some originality and creativity. To that end *Final Fantasy* almost did its job, as it's producers fanatically dedicated itself to making their entire movie out of computer-generated images. However, their aspiration to make a completely successful and original movie stopped there, with the computer generated images. The plot of the movie quickly became too convoluted, as the directors and developers tried to inject romance, passion, greed, power and lust into a movie of just one and a half hours long.

The movie actually had a great start with a barrage of amazing computer -rendered film sequences. The dream of doctor Aki as she walks on water and the dark views of a deserted New York City from different angles were technical feats considered nearly impossible during the 80s and early 90s. However, after this point the movie begins to become of convoluted, leaving the audience dumbfounded in their seats. The scene where doctor Aki finds the glowing blue plant is the first instance of confusion for the viewers. The questions "What is this plant? "Why is Aki looking for it?"and, "Why is it glowing?" simultaneously popped into the audience's heads. Then, without answering the questions of the audience, the director quickly jumped into another scene, in which Captain Edward Gray came blasting in to save Doctor Aki from the alien life forms, known as Phantoms, that randomly spawned out of thin air. After this point, the audience became even more baffled, as more questions sprang into their heads, Questions like "What are they shooting at? " and "Where did these aliens come from?" quickly lost the audience's attention as they tried to figure out the answer.



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**Doctor Aki laments her questionable choice of clothing.**

Next, the director made even bigger mistakes by briefly mentioning an old romance between Doctor Aki and Captain Gray, and by not giving an in-depth explanation about Doctor Aki's research of the so-called life forces. Due to the late explanation of romance between Aki and Edward Gray, their relationship became a superficial add-on that not only confused the audience, but also added a level of superficiality to the movie. At the same time the lack of a detailed explanation given for the research of these so-called eight life forces in the early scenes also contributed to the confusion that was now prevalent in audience's heads. Also, because the main plot centered on searching for these eight forces, by not truly explaining their purpose in the movie, the search for them seemed pointless and boring to everyone.

All in all, due to the complications generated throughout the story and the amount of unanswered questions, *Final Fantasy* hastily turned into a movie with a mysterious plotline. This is not to say it is without achievements, the movie's determination to make everything out of computer-generated graphics is definitely something worth admiring, and the use of classic *Final Fantasy* terminology and plot structure will surely induce nostalgia in all *Final Fantasy* game fans. So, although *Final Fantasy* left no legacies for future movies of this genre, the fact that it is the first movie based on the *Final Fantasy* games makes this movie a good pick for all the bored *Final Fantasy* gamers and sci-fi thrill seekers.

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# Commons's Marge, an uncommon mother:

## Educates students with late son's tragic DUI story

by Amy Kopriva '02
*FEATURES EDITOR*

"One of the things I will proudly remember is that he always said to his friends, 'You got to meet my mom.' He would bring everyone home to meet me." On January 22, 1994, Marjorie Petteys, affectionately known on campus as "Marge," lost her son in a drunk driving incident. After nine years of service as a meal card checker in McEwen and Commons, Marge has become a campus icon because although her job description does not include part-time therapist, joke-teller, or hug-provider, she spreads her love and message of hope to every face she encounters.

Her job allows her to tell students the story of losing her son and to condemn recent incidents of drunk driving "If I did not care about you all, I wouldn't be saying this," she explains. On a winter evening seven years ago, Marge's 23-year-old son, Herbie, was riding on a snowmobile driven by an impaired peer. Marge explains, "Both of them had been drinking that night. My son's judgment was impaired because he should not have gotten on, but he just

> ***"We cannot have students denying the knowledge they have because they feel they are invincible."***
>
> **-Marjorie Petteys**

wanted to ride a snowmobile and get a ride to another friend's house. They hit a parked car, and the other guy walked away. My Herbie never came home." Both Herbie and the driver were taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica, and although the driver suffered an injured arm, he survived. According to Marge, no charges were filed because they did not do a sobriety test as a result of his great blood loss, and he went free after paying a $250 fine. According to Marge, the driver had previous driving offenses and has been involved in several accidents since her son's death. She explains, "They said, 'we'll chalk it up as an accident,' but it wasn't. The justice system failed for our family."

While simultaneously greeting students and taking their ID cards on Wednesday afternoon, Marge tearfully recounted the tragedy of losing a child. "You experience every emotion possible. You experience grief, anger, disbelief. At first, it feels like a parent's worst nightmare; then crying comes that does not stop, it just flows like a river. The pain never goes away, the pain never leaves the parent. You have to live with the pain and go on, otherwise the pain will devour you," she says. After losing her son Marge left work for a year. She reflects, "I realized that I had to come back here. This would either make me or break me. The healing process does work if you want it to work. Otherwise, hate could have devoured our whole family. We took turns crying and holding each other. We had to go on and be strong for each other." Marge and her husband, Herbie Sr., have three other children: Angel, now 36; Tammy, 35; and Brian, 20.

Despite her perseverant spirit, everyday events are a harsh reminder of the absence in her life. She explains, "Recently, my husband and I were invited to the wedding of our best friend of over 20 years. But I just could not go, and they understood. Every day is a reminder that I'll never be able to 'fill in the blank' with my son."

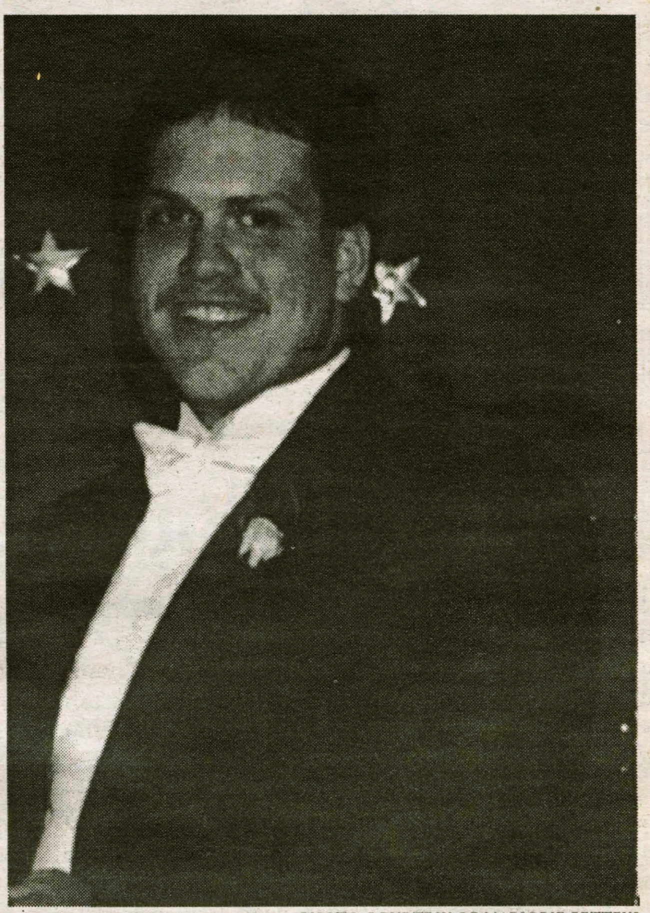
The recent announcement of three drunk driving accidents since July resulting in the arrests of three Hamilton students has increased Marge's determination to be heard. Commenting on the feelings she had reading last week's *Spectator*, she said, "I felt devastated. I am glad these students have been punished and are gone. How else are we going to stop it? You are not invincible; you should be responsible for your actions." She compliments the Colgate student responsible for causing four deaths last fall for taking responsibility. "He has pleaded guilty and is standing up for what he did. He has to live every day with the knowledge that he killed his friends," she says.

With a serious tone Marge clarifies her position on drinking; "Anybody can go out there and have a good time; just do not get behind the wheel and cause another tragedy. Otherwise, all you are left with is a name, a place, and a headstone. If you play the game, you have to pay the price." Although Marge and her family feel that the justice system failed them, she's determined to turn her hurt into hope, that by telling current students her story, the cycle of tragedy will be broken.

Reflecting on the influence she hopes to have, she recalls a recent occasion when a student who had hurt himself while drunk came in to eat, and after telling him about her loss, he said, "I'm sorry, Marge." Smiling, she said, "See, I know they are listening to me."

Although she is disgusted with students who drink and drive, she would not remain part of the campus community if she did not have faith. "We cannot have students denying the knowledge they have because they feel they are invincible. I know these are the greatest kids in the world. They give me 110% respect, as a mother, grandmother, wife, and a checker. They respect me for who I am, not what I do." The VIP seats to commencement, handmade bracelets, postcards from abroad, and letters with post-graduation addresses attest that Marge's message is appreciated.

But Hamilton students are not the only beneficiaries of Marge's strong spirit and good heart. Recently, while at a grocery store, Marge noticed a little boy who behind her in line appeared distressed. She explains, "He was looking in his pockets in disbelief, and he was so nervous. I just walked up in line and said, 'hope you find it,' and paid for him. As a walked out, I said, "That's one for you, Herbie."



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**Herb Petteys was killed in a DUI incident seven years ago. His mother, Hamilton employee Marjorie Petteys, turns her grief into hope by telling her story and doing good deeds.**

# Adjusting to American life:

## International students begin to adapt

by Jessica Acheson '03
*FEATURES WRITER*

While many students are readjusting to life on the Hill after valuable time abroad, a whole group of students, hailing from a range of places all over the world, are here on campus for their very own study abroad experience. New to the area, new to the country, new to the culture, they are experiencing their own set of adjustments.

Each year, Hamilton is host to a number of international students. Hamilton received 496 international applicants for the class of 2004, and accepted 79 students. Students this year have come from such diverse places as the Czech Republic, Jamaica, and Ghana.

Ailie Robertson '05, who hails from Edinburgh, notes the very different academic system here at Hamilton.Unfamiliar with the "liberal arts" education, she enjoys taking classes in subjects that she hasn't studied recently. She also mentions that smaller classes and mandatory attendance policies are a great difference between higher-level academic institutions here and in her home country.

Iva Bezinovic '05, who came here on a scholarship from Croatia, also takes notice of the academic differences between institutions at home and here at Hamilton. In Croatia, Bezinovic tells us "you make your own schedule." You must sign up for a specific number of classes, but you are not required to attend lectures, and you choose among various times to take end-of-term exams.

One of the most notable cultural differences, Robertson tells us, is the higher drinking age in the United States. She believes this may lead to greater drug use among the under-age population. One cultural difference regarding people's behavior that has made an impression on Bezinovic is her difficulty moving beyond superficial conversation. She notes how many will smile, say, "Hi, how are you?" and then not even wait for the answer.

At the same time, however, Bezinovic remarks, "Lots of people are wanting to help." She finds seeing "the same faces all the time" on our small campus a sort of comfort and adds that the campus itself is a great part of being here.

Other cultural differences are simple day to day matters, such as the fact that bandages are different in Croatia, Bezinovic observes. She is also used to lighter food and is not accustomed to our "interesting food combinations," such as pancakes covered in maple syrup and gelatin combined with a multitude of things.

Reactions to the American way of life vary greatly. Therefore support systems have been established to address students' concerns. For some it may be difficult. Bezinovic tells us, "Some days I convince myself that I am happy; other days I need help." For others it may be easier. Robertson says that her experience at Hamilton so far is "really nice, I am having such fun."

Support available to international students includes a one-week international student orientation before classes start, the International Students Association, and various other resources. For example, through her program, Robertson, who also participated in Adirondack Adventure, has a "host family" here at Hamilton, that of French Professor John O'Neal. This opportunity allows her occasional time

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# Step aside Cindy; professors flash their threads

**by Kathleen McGrory '05
and Celine Geiger '04**
*FEATURES WRITERS*

Oxford or T-shirt? Jeans or capris? Sneakers or sandals? Picking out what to wear in the morning is often more of a chore than is going to class. The clothing you choose is seen by the people around you as a direct reflection of your own style; clothes mirror the image you project. The guy dressed in the black trenchcoat is labeled "Goth," while the girl next to him in an Abercrombie polo shirt is "preppy." At first glance, people think they "know" us based solely on how we are dressed. Stressful? Definitely.

In last week's issue of *The Spectator*, we reported the latest fashion trends and first-day disasters among our students. Have you ever thought, however, that fashion is an issue not just limited to student life?

Imagine spending your first day of classes parading in front of twenty complete strangers, attempting to present yourself as structured, serious, interesting, and enthusiastic, while at the same time trying to establish authority. Of course your attire will influence the way these strangers, your students, perceive your class and yourself. Not only that, but this initial meeting may determine the course of events for the next semester.

Yes, even our professors find fashion important. From jeans to tweeds, professors do think carefully before getting dressed in the morning. Despite the great variety of clothing sported by numerous Hamilton professors, one thing is evident: fashion has the ability to make a big statement.

Professor John O'Neal prefers his statement to be professional. "I consider myself old school," said the French professor of his teaching wardrobe, which includes jackets, ties, and lots of sweaters for colder months. "Though my attire isn't too formal, people who teach in rural New York certainly dress differently than professors in Paris or New York City. I think that it gives a certain dignity to the profession."

To Visiting Professor of Romance Languages Aurelie van de Weile, professor fashion is something that has distinct cultural and geographic differences. Dressed in a stylish black blouse that buttoned just above her left shoulder and a knee length burgundy skirt, Professor van de Weile feels that in her home country of France, attire is much more professional. "Here, you are more open minded. In France teachers are part of an elite group; they are the educated ones with whom students have very little contact. We do not have their home phone numbers, and it is unheard of to have dinner with them," she says.

Despite high standards for attire, professors have the ability to make a big statement in a not-so-formal way." I take pride in a lot of things, though fashion isn't necessarily one of them," says professor of anthrolopology Douglas Raybeck, who often teaches class barefoot. "One hundred years ago, I would have been fired for the way I dress," he laughs of his informal wardrobe, which includes jeans and mostly solid shirts (Please see picture of man with long legs). "But teaching class is not a ceremony, it is informal and it is fun. It is not about what I wear, but how I teach, and I like to move around."

Though deciding which pair of jeans to wear to school may not be the most crucial point of Professor Reybeck's day, he acknowledges that motives may differ from professor to professor. "I've got a white beard, I'm a male, and I'm tall. I don't really need to worry about seeming assertive. I could imagine this being a different situation for newer teachers."

Tastes and fashion statements aside, to some it is not so much about making a statement as it is remaining comfortable during the waning days of Indian summer. "I just like to be comfy and cool,"says Professor Keller. "I think as it gets cooler, you will start to see more suits and ties, but comfort is key."

The question remains, Does the way a professor dress impact relationships between students and teachers?

"Student/teacher relationships have changed over the years. Everything from attitudes to attire has become less formal. People have almost smartened up. Studying is much more important than the way people dress. However, as a teacher I do feel that dressing clean and even a bit conservative can give a professor an edge," states Spanish Professor Hwangpo.

"There is this image of the tweety professor, wearing coats and ties, being a little bit tougher," notes Professor O'Neal.

However, professors agree that stereotypes about attire cannot determine the nature of the class. "I dress down, yes, but in class Iim not anybody's buddy or pal. I am the teacher, and that is the way it works," states Professor Raybeck.

Do students agree? On the first day of school, we all give our teachers that initial once-over on the first day of class and assess how strict and serious or how easy-going and light-hearted they will turn out to be. "If a professor dresses casually, like in khakis as opposed to a suit and tie, I feel more comfortable in the class. It's like they are on our level, which makes them more approachable," Liz Ransom '04 says.

Cindy Shin '04, agrees, "If a professor is dressed casually, it creates a friendlier atmosphere." Most students note, though, that "casual" does not mean "sloppy." On the whole, professors lose credibility in the classroom if their wardrobe is too laidback. In general, students are more likely to take professors who show up to class looking like they just rolled out of bed less seriously.

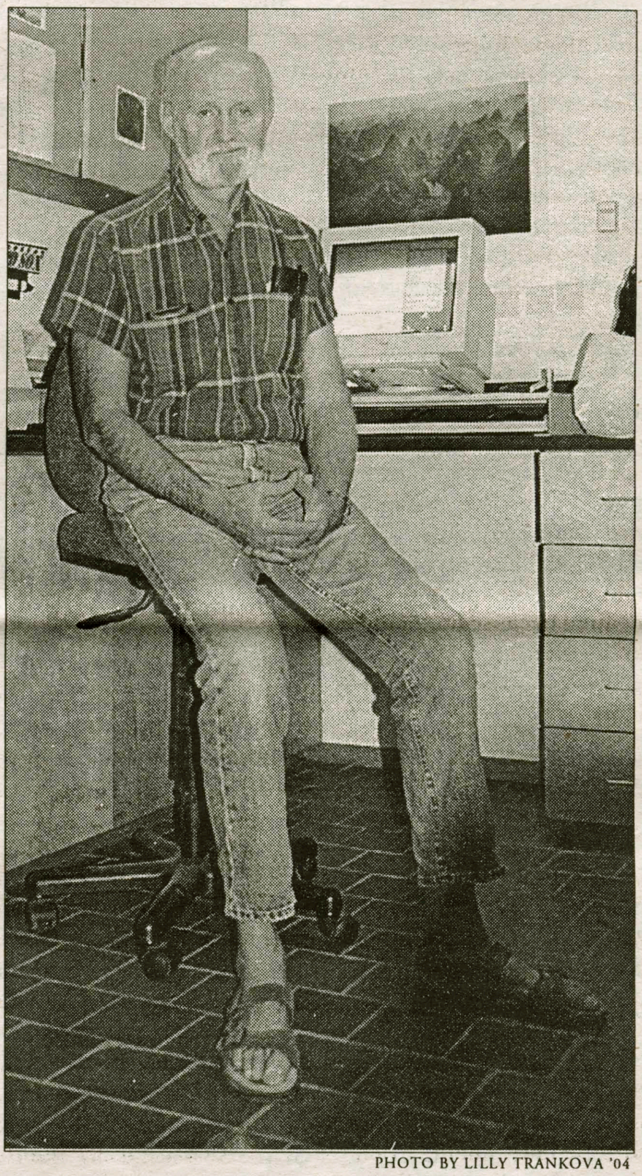
"I wouldn't have respect for a professor who showed up looking really sloppy," Emily Backman '04 claims. "There's definitely a line. There is a difference between dressing scrubby and dressing professionally."

The weekends, however, are a different story. "I like it when you see a professor on the weekend around campus, like at a concert or a football game, dressed in jeans and a sweatshirt," Liz Ransom notes. "It's nice to see them wearing the same stuff we do at the same places we go. It brings a sense of community, because it's like they are one of us."

Student opinions aside, Raybeck summed up the issue by saying; "I love to get up every morning and teach because it is fun. There is a new surprise each day. In this profession it is what you do and how you do it, not how you dress while you are doing."

## Fashion Profile:

**Name:** Professor Douglas Raybeck
**Nickname:** Doc
**Teaches:** Anthropology
**Fashion Likes:** Jeans, vests, solid shirts, sandals, flip-flops
**Fashion Dislikes:** Shirts with patterns, and shoes, "especially of the uncomfortable sort. I ask students' permission to go barefoot in class. I have not yet once been denied this privilege."
**Favorite Accessories:** "Geek Equipment, including, but not limited to pens, pencils, glasses, and the super important PDA."
**Must-Have Item:** Slippers. "I hate wearing shoes. There is that time in the winter that I absolutely loathe when I need to graduate from flipflops. There are shoes, black sneakers, moderately soft-soled, which I can wear for class, I guess occasionally, but when I come back to the office, I put on the slippers. I wear the slippers to class sometimes, too."
**What did you wear on the first day of school?:** "I'm sure that I wore clothes. That is the best that I can do."
**When he wants to look casual he wears:** blue jeans
**When he wants to look dressed up he wears:** blue jeans with a little darker tint, but those are saved for occasions like parent meetings.



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# Adjusting to American life

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off campus, interaction with the family, and some good home-cooked food.

The International Students Association (ISA), which was founded at Hamilton in 1977 and is open to all students, "has helped international students to adjust to the foreign environment which is to be their home for a part of their lives," the ISA's website tells us. Looking to facilitate conversation between domestic and international students, the ISA "has helped join many nationalities of the world, opening them up to each other and promoting their differences in order to reach a better intercultural and global understanding."

Coming from such different countries and backgrounds, international students can offer viewpoints that will broaden our horizons and add something to our lives that would otherwise be absent, contributing to the education that a Hamilton student comes here to receive.

*Additional international student groups on campus listed on the Hamilton website are the Asian Cultural Society, Islamic Association, Middle Eastern Union, Black and Latin Student Union, LaVanguardia, and the West Indian and African Association. There are also clubs and organizations with an international focus including Model European Union, Model United Nations, International Relations Group, Hamilton Peace and Justice Action Group, Amnesty International, Language clubs (Russian, French, German, Classics, Spanish), and Foreign Exposure.*

# Class of 2005 Election Platforms

*Presidental Candidates*

**Thomas J. Acampora**

As president, I will do my best to represent and voice the concerns of my peers to the broader community. I hope to resolve the problems of our community swiftly through sheer effort; I am prepared to work as many hours as are needed to complete this task set before me. I hope to organize social events, so that we, the Class of 2005, can meet each other and, at the very least, learn the names of those whom we plan to spend the next four years with. If promises to unite our class and to do everything to the best of my ability are not enough for you, then I will improve the cafeterias (as per your own input) even if it means I have to cook and bake myself. Please, allow me to be your voice to the broader Hamilton community; allow me the honor of being your public servant.

**Orges Llupa**

To know is the most important thing in the world. As your president, I promise to make sure you are informed, up to date, and in the know. Sometime soon, expect to find sheets of paper throughout campus with space for your ideas. I am new to this school, just like you, and I don't know all that I want to accomplish, your ideas will help shape my presidency. I will not waste your time with my qualifications, because as you know, in high school everyone and their grandmother was president of this and that. I just want to say thanks to all of you that I have met; you've made an unfamiliar place feel like home. Remember when election time comes around, get out there and vote. BE IN THE KNOW, VOTE O.

*Class Representatives*

**Elizabeth Dolan**

Let me represent you. Let me show you the great deal of enthusiasm I have for getting involved. Let me bring years of experience as a student government leader to your student assembly. My name is Elizabeth Dolan and I am running for the position of student assembly representative for the class of 2005.

I am confident that my creativity, dedication, persistence, and initiative depict a strong candidate for this position. Some of you may know me for my apparently obvious southern drawl; I would like to be recognized as an active community leader with a true passion for the student life here at Hamilton.

Let me show you how greatly I value the opportunity to participate in student government. Allow me your consideration for the position as the freshman class student assembly representative, and let me get involved.

**Caroline Steers**

My name is Caroline Steers and for those of you who do not know me, I am from Rye, New York. I attended high school at Rye Country Day School and there I participated in several extra-curricular activities including three varsity sports, choir, peer leadership, community service club, spirit club, yearbook, and much more. I enjoyed being involved as much as possible, as I also wish to be here at Hamilton. I feel that my leadership experience (such as being captain of my three varsity sports and the leader of my clubs) has made me a very responsible person and will be very beneficial in making sure that several of our class needs are met (assuming that these needs are practical). If I receive this position, I will be very dedicated to my job and will always take the time to listen to your questions, concerns or needs. Thanks for taking time in considering me for your class representative!

**Ginny Smith**

Hey, my name is Ginny Smith and I'm running to be a class representative. I would like to represent our class because I want to be involved in issues that affect students, such as food in the dining halls and the diner, as well as bringing new ideas to Student Assembly. As the treasurer of my senior class last year, I have experience in student government. I devoted my time to organizing many fund raisers, holding, a food drive, and planning a Senior Ball. I will listen to ideas that anyone has, make sure concerns are heard, and I'll stand up for what we want. Overall, I want to be involved because I would like to our time here at Hamilton to be the best four years possible.

**Farrah Lakhani**

I am running for the student representative...why should u vote for me??? Simply because I can be unbiased to any problems or concerns that u may have...academically or otherwise. I would be open to any ideas about various activities on the campus and try to make the campus a fun place to be and to keep the Hamilton spirit alive!!! So vote for me and see the change!!!

**Jen Eident**

Dear fellow students, my name is Jen Eident and I am running for freshman representative to the student council. I would love the opportunity to get involved with Hamilton, especially our class of 2005. There are many issues circulating the campus that I would like our class to be involved in. I want our voice heard so that we make this year at Hamilton the best it can be. I feel that I would be a great candidate for the position of representative because of my involvement in student council at my former high schools, ACS of Abu Dhabi and Choate. I served as class president, class representative and treasurer. If you elect me I will work hard to improve the activities and trips provided by the school and I will devote much time to make sure your voice is heard. Thanks a lot!

**Marlon Fisher**

To those of you who do not know me already I am Marlon Fisher. I am running for the position of class representative. Since I know most of the class of 2005, I know what has to be done in order for our class to have a great first year. I have plenty of experience and know how to get things done. I will not say anymore if you see me around, just stop and chat with me.

**Mark Mullett**

I am not going to lie to you. I have never sought out a formal leadership position before. I high school, my involvement in other activities did not allow me the time necessary to dedicate myself to a student governing role. Nevertheless, I have chosen to run for one of five spots as a representative for the class of 2005. I know that I am qualified to undertake the responsibility of representing our well diversified class to its greatest potential. I am eager to listen to the concerns and opinions of my fellow classmates in order to make the atmosphere of our community on the Hill more productive. I am confident that, if elected, you will find that my dedication towards suiting your needs as a Hamilton freshman, is second to none. On September 19, make an investment for the upcoming school year. Vote Mark Mullett as your representative for the Class of 2005.

**Gillian B. Alexander**

My name is Gillian Alexander. I am from East Aurora, New York, a small town outside of Buffalo. I served on my class executive board all four years of high school. I was also a member of our six town's youth court, which handled juvenile offences committed within the six surrounding towns of East Aurora. It is very important for me to be involved in our school, and to take part in making decisions that will affect all of us. There are several issues that we are concerned with, for example: the food we eat, and the lack of parking spaces on campus. I feel as though my approachable personality will help unify us as we become a part of the Hamilton community, and I am committed to getting your voices heard.

**Stephanie Valle**

My name is Stephanie Valle and I'm from Clifton Park, NY. In high school, I was president of my senior class. This job entailed planning Homecoming, a Powder Puff game, a food drive, multiple fundraisers, the Senior Ball, the After-Prom, a Senior Lunch and many other activities. I was also a member of the Student-Faculty-Administration Senate, another governing organization. On Senate, I was chair of various Committees, and published a bi-weekly newsletter. I was also a member of NHS, a mentor to two students and a DARE counselor. At Hamilton, I would like to continue to be involved. As a First-Year, I think it is unrealistic to already have a list of goals to tell you all about, but what I can promise is that as issues come up throughout the year, I will work as hard as possible to ensure that every concern is addressed, no matter the amount of time needed. Thanks for your consideration.

*Appeals Board*

**Christine Jochim**

As a student representative on the Appeals Board, Christine Jochim will...

* Carefully examine all of the facts involved in each appeal.
* Strive to understand both sides of every case.
* Ensure justice is upheld for all Hamilton students.
* Make sure students believe they have been fairly tried.
* Maintain a strong commitment to the rules of the Appeals Board.

Please support me in my efforts to make Hamilton the fair and just campus that you deserve! Thank you for your vote an support on September 19th; it is greatly appreciated.

**Brian Farnkoff**

I love meeting people and working in groups, and now I have some time on my hands, unlike in high school. I have tons of experiences in being in leadership positions, but instead of listing my qualifications in my "platform," like everyone else, I just wanted you all to know I love it here so far and I would love for further incoming classes to feel the same way. I love the community personality in North, I love how Bon Appetit responded to our meeting the other night, I love my American Society course, and I love all the grass in the quad. What I love most is that I know these things are only the tip of the iceberg here on the hill. I think we can really make this campus ours, so long as there are people in our leadership that always consider the other perspective; those who make decisions only after contemplative measurement of the other side of the story. I would love an opportunity to test these skills in an environment that encourages change and improvement, to meet new people, and to represent the interests of my classmates. Thanks, lots 'o love to Orges, Matt Amoroso, and the rest of the representative candidates!

**Melissa A. Lewis**

My name is Melissa Lewis and I would like to be one of your class representatives. I am a dedicated, hardworking individual with a great deal of experience in student government. I am an open-minded individual who will listen to your concerns and help you to ascertain a belief that your view really does count to student government here. I believe that through effective communication, goals can be achieved and students on the whole will be happier, and more content here at Hamilton College. Thank you.

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# Class of 2005 Election Platforms

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## *Appeals Board*

**Steve Aubuchon**

My name is Steve Aubuchon and I am running for the Appeals Board. I feel that I would be a perfect fit for this position because I will work very hard to ensure that each student is treated fairly and gets what they deserve. I have had experience with similar committees in the past so I know what it takes to do the job effectively. I look forward to serving each and everyone in the Hamilton College student body.

**Nick Sarro-Waite**

To all Hamilton Students, This past year I served on the appeals board to make sure that a rational student voice was heard in the judicial process. The changing atmosphere of the college must be tempered by a voice that can identify with your needs. I am experienced in the procedures involved in appealing a judicial decision and will be able to assert an opinion in the board geared to bettering our lives as students here. I serving as an appeals board member, will be just, fair, and above all, looking to serve the interests of the students. Thanks for your time and give me the chance to serve you.

**Owen Charles**

The role of the Appeals Board is an important one, as it provides a complete review for a student's claim by someone who did not take part in the first decision. As a Student Appeals Rep, I assure you that I will examine reopened cases on its merits. As a result of serving on the Judicial Board, I am not only with familiar the Hamiltion code of conduct, but also, the appellant process. This experience coupled with solid leadership skills demonstrates that I am the strongest candidate for this position. I consider myself an impartial, self-motivated individual who is committed to justice. I am willing and able to demonstrate this promise, should I be elected.

**Farrah Lakhani**

Being on the Judicial Board would require not only a good listener but also a good friend. I think I can be just that for students like you. I can be impartial and just and at the same time be open to each side of the picture. Integrity and honest from you an me could make this college proud of its students.

So vote for me and see the change!!!!!

**Robby Wang**

The reality of life is that people make mistakes. Drugs, alcohol, sex, and partying are undoubtedly a part of college life. Unfortunately, several students slip and fall into mistakes that they later regret. Although I am a fist-year and am not completely familiar with the Hamilton Judicial System, I have the experience of the position.

Throughout my high school years, I had witnessed several friends and teammates ge expelled. I honestly believe that at least half of them could have been prevented from leaving, which is why I ran an was elected Head of the Judicial Committee. We are not in high school anymore, but we, students, still face similar problems with judicial system. I cannot make any promises, but I can assure you a representative of honesty, understanding and dedication that will give it his best to fight and represent you, to the best of my ability.

## *Secretary/Treasure*

**Mary Katie Yates '05**

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the class of 2005. My name is Katie Yates, and I am currently running for class secretary. An involved individual in my Hisg School serving as Student Activities Leader, Senior Class President and Representative for Student Council, I have the dedication and experience it takes to not only get the job done, but to get it done well. I am an organized, focused individual, who is devoted to completing any task with efficiency. As freshmen it is important for us to unite as a class in our efforts to make our years together at Hamilton no only memorable, but productive as well. I am willing to make this goal a success, regardless of the work and effort it may take. I ask you, when placing your vote, to make it worth the time, please vote for me.

**Greg Regan**

My name is Greg Regan and I would like to bet eh secretary/treasurer for th Hamilton College Class of 2005. With the recent disaster in our country, I was unsure of how everyone here would react. Upon seeing the candle procession and prayer, I was amazed by the strength of the Hamilton Community. I want to help preserve this community. I believe that we live on the most beautiful campus in the country, and I want to keep it that way. Most of all, however, I want the rest of my class to feel as though they have a say in the decisions that govern this campus. I will always be open for all ideas, and I will listen to any comments and concerns that people might have. We should all feel privileged to go to this wonderful school. With a little work however, we can make this amazing place even better.

**Tess Giardina '05**

My name is Tess Giardina, I am running for the office of Secretary/Treasurer for the class of 2005. My previous experience includes three years of the student council and co-president of the music council at Somerville High School as well as treasurer and historian of my 4-H club (community service). At school I helped organize event to raise money for these organizations as well as being a committee chair for our National Honors Society fundraisers. If elected to this position, I will do my best to organize the finances and paper work for the Class of 2005. I will create new events to raise money and make sure that we have sufficient funds. I already have some ideas for fundraising events and I will raise as much money as I can for our class. So, vote for me, Tess Giardina, for the Secretary/Treasurer of the Class of 2005.

## *Honor Court*

**Kit Schofield '05**

I come from a small private school that revolves around an Honor Code, written, practiced and enforced by students. I still use it as a guideline. Sine the first time I was taught about the Honor Code by a Student Representative I worked to apply it to everything I did. I respected the idea. In Junior and Senior Year I became one of those representatives. I also have experiences on an Honor Court, no an easy job in a small school where everyone knows everyone else. But I faced each decision thinking of honor. As Honor Court Representative I will listen carefully to all arguments and judge fairly based on the Honor Code. I will also push for revisions, to make the Honor Code easier for the campus to utilize. An Honor Code written, practiced and enforced by students.

## *J - Board*

**Jake Hartnett**

Before I decided to run for Judicial Board, I had to ask myself: is this a position I really want? I mean, the purpose of the Board is to enforce the non-academic policies of this community. Did I want to be in the position where I had to pass judgement upon the actions of people I see each and every day?

Those that know me would most likely say that I'm fairly easygoing, willing to listen and thoughtful. I chose to run because I believe in my ability to make a fair and informed decision. As a Board member, I would work to facilitate communication between members of the Board and those who come before it.

Finally, I realize that mistakes happen. The purpose of the Board, I believe, should be to help students learn from these mistakes, so that they might avoid repeating them.

**Alexander H. Webb II**

The Judicial Board of Hamilton College... that's a pretty intimidating name. Coming before it can certainly be an intimidating situation, and as a candidate, the prospect of serving on it is pretty intimidating as well. This work is not easy; it encompasses long hours and heart wrenching decisions. However, I tell you that I am up to the challenge. I won't bore you with a list of credentials (although they are quite impressive), nor will I impress you with the extent of my personal humility (I really am proud how humble I can be), but I ask for your vote because I can promise you that every time I am called on the make a decision, I will do it with a clear mind and a sense of responsibility to the members of my class and my college. Please E-mail me if you have any questions of concerns: awebb@hamilton.edu.

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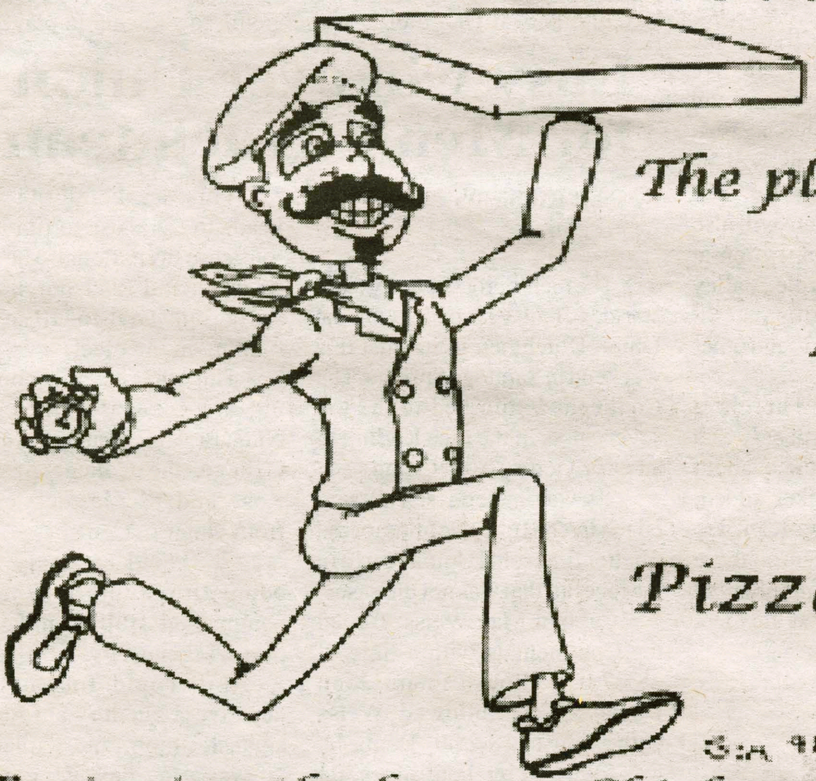

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# Golf Team places 13th in Cornell/Colgate Invitational

by Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton golf team faced some very stiff competition this past weekend in possibly the toughest field they will face all year.

At the Cornell/Colgate Golf Invitational, the Continentals took 13th place out of a field of 19.

While that may not sound impressive at first, when one considers the fact that Hamilton was one of only two Division III teams in the Invitational, the Continental performance improved dramatically. All of the others were Division I schools.

Hamilton finished ahead of four D-1 schools, Lafayette, Robert Morris, Cornell, and Long Island.

Last year, Hamilton finished 21st in the Invitational.

The Invitational was played at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course in Ithaca on Saturday, and Colgate's Seven Oaks Course on Sunday.

SUNY Binghamton won it for the second year in a row.

They finished with a two-day team score of 601, a remarkable 23 strokes ahead of second place St. Bonaventure.

Rounding out the top five were Colgate, with a score of 627, Ottawa 629 and Bucknell 632. Hamilton's score was 653.

The Continentals scored 335 on the first day (the 15th best score for the day).

The second day, at Colgate the Continentals performed much better, as they scored a 318, the sixth best score on the day.

Tom Ferrero '03 was the top Continental. He shot 81-77 for an overall score of 158.

This score was good for 24th overall. Tom Paolini '03 shot a 81-82-163, good for 50th place. Rounding out the top five were Tyler Leach '02 with a 86-81-167, Dan Head '03, 91-78-169, and Andy Weichmann '02, who notched scores of 87-86-173.

This Invitational, while very challenging, was not the most important of the year.

Ferrero commented, "This year all of our focus is on making the NCAA tournament. In order to do this we most likely have to win the NESCAC championship and qualify for the ECAC championship both coming up in the following weeks. We have to improve on our performance from this past weekend in order to achieve these goals but with the talent and depth that we have this year there is no doubt in my mind that we can do it. Watch for the team's performance to improve every tournament and peak for the NESCAC's and ECAC's."

Paolini echoed Ferrero's optimism for the upcoming weeks, "Our team showed a lot of potential last weekend. It was a Division I tournament and we still finished ahead of some good teams. Once everyone starts playing up to their capabilities, I believe we can be a force in Division III golf."

The team has three more weeks and three more Invitationals to prepare for the ECAC and NESCAC championships.

This weekend they will travel to Middlebury. Ferrero said he is "excited for the chance to play a lot more solid this coming weekend," and that he "feels good about the state of the team."

Having faced Division I competition, they will certainly be ready for the best that the UCAA, NESCAC, and the rest of Division III golf has to offer

# Brockport defeats Women's Soccer

by Charles Spiliotis '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Amidst the countless cancellations in every professional and collegiate sport, the women's soccer team pushed on and played its season opener against Brockport on Wednesday. The game, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, ended in a hard fought 2-0 Hamilton loss.

"It was our first game and we came in with a lot of nerves. We had a lot of freshmen who were playing in their first college game and really weren't comfortable out there yet. We outshot them probably even outplayed them, but it was just a question of getting that first game under our belts," said Coach Melissa Eging, who is in her second year as head coach.

As the game started, the Continentals were controlling the pace, keeping the ball deep in the Brockport zone, and attacking the net. But at the 11:55 mark, a slight defensive error allowed Brockport's Stephanie Rosenhahn to lob a shot from deep just over the head of Brenna Chiaputti '02 to put Brockport on the board. The rest of the first half went much the same, with Hamilton attacking and getting opportunities but unable to capitalize. The second half saw the Continentals fall into the Brockport style of play, and abandoning their short-passing aggressive approach. The second Brockport strike came at the 64:40 mark, when Leanne Gedraitis beat Hamilton's second keeper Jen Munoz '04 in the lower left corner to add the insurance marker.

"It's always upsetting to take a loss, but we played really well considering it was our first game. We just had trouble putting it away, so now we know exactly what we have to work on, and we can just go from there," said co-captain Whitney Kingsbury '02 of the opener.

Coach Eging added, "It's always disappointing to lose, but we really played well for most of the game. We made only a couple of errors, but they just managed to capitalize on both of them. We dominated play, but we just couldn't finish it."

The women's soccer team opens up its conference schedule this weekend with games at RPI on Saturday and at Vassar College on Sunday. Hamilton, which defeated both foes last season, is at the disadvantage of having played only one game, while the rest of its conference rivals have had three or four contests already. The team will be training on the turf this week in order to prepare for RPI's home surface, which should be a solid advantage for the Engineers on Saturday.

Eging concluded, "Our first few conference games are always tough, because we've started practicing so much later than our opponents. RPI is always pumped up and very passionate so the only question for us will just be are we going to show up to play?"

# Women's Cross-Country uses practice shoes to run over Union Squad

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team got the 2001 season started on the right foot and continued its dominance over Union with a 19-41 victory at Saratoga Springs (15 is the best score possible).

Co-captain Maggie Hanson '02 said, "It was a good way to get the season started, even though the weather wasn't great for cross-country. We've been to that course several times and like it."

The team's performance resulted in its #14 national ranking, with rivals Williams, Ithaca, and SUNY Geneseo ranked fifth, sixth, and ninth, respectively. Leading the team were Hanson, Jen Cammarano '03, and Julianna Allport '05 with times of 18:41, 19:11, and 19:59, respectively.

Co-captain Becca Walker '02 said, "This meet was a good starting point for the season and a good confidence builder. We ran in our training shoes instead of our racing flats."

Rounding out the top five were Margo Rockwell '05 and Emily Lemanczyk '05, with times of 20:47 and 21:01.

Coach Ellen Hull added, "This was a great way to start the season. We had a pack of first years up front."

Following Lemanczyk was the pack of Maura Boyle '04, Greer Mahoney '05, Ruth Leoniuk '05, Emily Cooper '05, Molly Wilson '05, Walker, and Marisabel Portillo 03. This group finished eighth through 14th, with times ranging from 21:06 to 22:37.

Rounding out the team were Emily Clemenzi '04, and Thanh-Thao Tran '05 and Jen Menierre '05, who finished 16th, 20th, and 22cnd with times of 22:51, 23:57, and 25:42.

Tomorrow the Continentals travel to Syracuse to take on LeMoyne College, Niagara, Plattsburgh State, McMaster University, The College of Saint Rose, Syracuse, and Colgate in the Orange Cross-Country Classic at Drumlins Golf Course.

Walker said, "Drumlins is somewhat like our course, and it's nice to have meets close to Hamilton," Hull said. "It should be a good race. This is our first time at Syracuse. We'll see some teams we don't usually see, like Syracuse, Colgate, Niagara, and Plattsburgh. To race against some Division I teams will be good for development."

Next week the team will also see some strong competition at Williams in the Purple Valley Classic against Williams, St. Lawrence, Union, RIT, and other NESCAC schools.

Hanson said, "There's a strong emphasis on success as a team, and we're excited about this weekend," Walker added. "Several of us on the team are from the Syracuse area, so there should be a good number of Hamilton supporters at the meet this weekend."

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# Easy win over Union for Men's Track team

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The men's cross country team started off the year by leaving the Union Dutchmen in its dust this weekend in Saratoga Springs. The Continentals finished in the top seven spots in the race leading to an easy victory over Union.

"It was a good start," said coach Brett Hull, "we anticipated a better run from [Union] early in the race but that was not the case."

Captain Mac Weiss '02 led the Continentals with a time of 28:07.0. Fellow captain John Demaske '02 followed Weiss with a time of 28:25.0. Demaske was followed by Paul Jones '03 who ran the 8K course in a time of 28:39.0. Ryan Murelli '02, Chris Dunn '05, Matt Drescher '05 and Nate Arnold '04 finished fourth through seventh.

"We still have a lot of work to prepare for the rest of the season but it is always good to start with a win," said Hull.

This weekend the team heads to Syracuse to run in the Syracuse Invitational. The Continentals and Plattsburgh State are the only Division III schools running in the meet.

The other schools competing are Syracuse University, Niagara University, Lemoyne College, the College of Saint Rose and McMaster College from Ontario, Canada.

"It should be pretty good competition this weekend," commented Hull, "unlike this past weekend."

Hull could find nothing negative about the team's effort against Union, and explained, "It was a hot day, we ran well and we came out healthy. We still need to get some people up to one hundred percent but if we can continue to improve we should do fine down the stretch."

The Continentals' first NESCAC match is the Williams Invitational at Williams on September 22nd.

# United We Stand

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

I love sports. Professional, collegiate, intramural, pick-up, varsity, junior varsity, Little League, PopWarner, I love them all. So being a sports editor is my dream job.

I love editing stories about sports teams, laying out sports sections, and getting free Tony's pizza every Thursday night.

But I don't want to think about sports right now. I haven't thought about sports in days.

I think it will be a very long time before I think about sports to the same extent again.

That's because on September 11, 2001, when terrorists reduced the most prominent and beloved buildings in my hometown to rubble, killing thousands, the appeal of sports disappeared.

The appeal of many other things in my life similarly vanished, and rightly so.

It could be no other way after I spent a harrowing 12 hours watching live television coverage of the worst terrorist attack in the history of the world.

But sports are unique in our society because they are embraced in some form by almost every group of people within our borders.

It is seemingly the one thing that we share regardless of class, race, or religion.

In many ways, not all of them positive, professional sports define our nation.

People invest thousands of hours and an immeasurable amount of emotion in their teams, and many define themselves through the teams they root for.

What else could cause a 13-year-old girl from a wealthy family on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and a 42-year old male living near the poverty line in the South Bronx to exchange tearful hugs?

The only answer I could think of until earlier this week was, of course, the New York Yankees.

Now I know something else, something much more terrifying than a Luis Sojo single to left field.

As the stunned citizens of New York City watched the Twin Towers crumble to the ground, they held hands, they cried on each other's shoulders, they embraced.

They were all part of the sadness, anger and fear that covered the island of Manhattan like so much smoke and concrete powder. An unbreakable bond resurfaced in this time of dire need.

If anything positive is to come of this unspeakable tragedy, it must be that we realize there is something vastly more important than sports allegiances that tie us together.

We are Americans, every single one of us. In the face of this horror, we have put aside our sports, if just for a few days.

By doing this, we have raised our voices together in answer to the question used recently as a sports advertisement campaign: "Who do you pledge allegiance to?"

The answer, ringing as clear as the cracked-but-not-broken Liberty Bell, comes for all the world to hear: "We pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

# New O, same D for football

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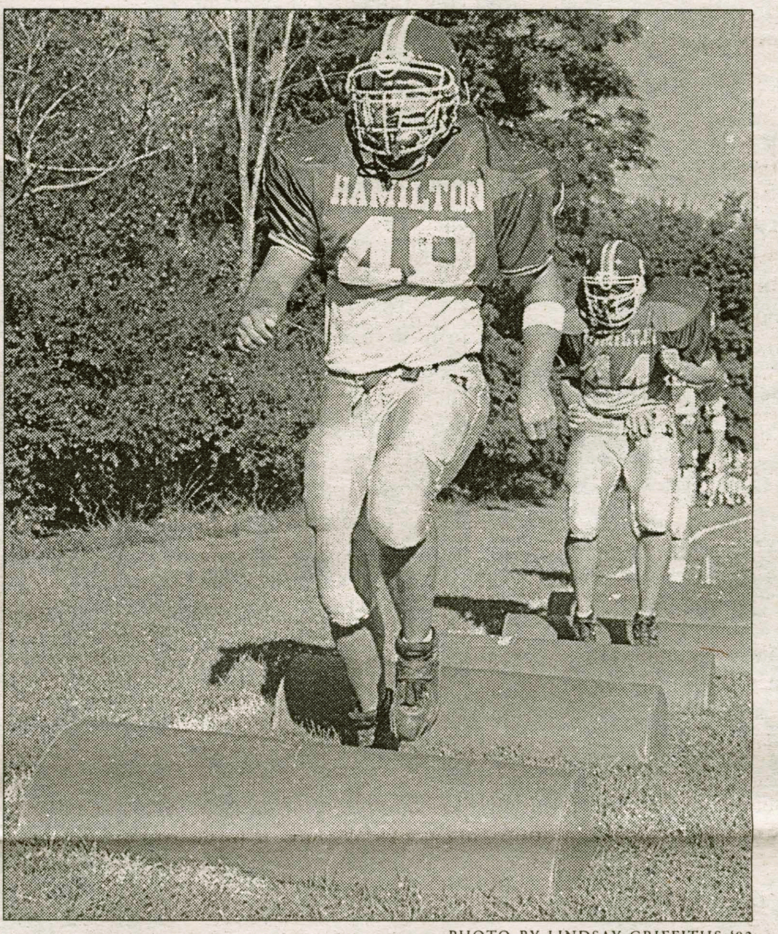
'04 make up the team's experienced backfield, with Logan Pascarella '03 assuming the fullback position. Chris McCarthy '02 and Tom Bradley '04 will anchor the receiving corps.

Rossi commented on the new and improved offense of-fensive coordinator Chad Martinovich has installed, "The offense looks a lot better compared to last year, there's a lot more play-action, roll out passes...the option has been incorporated. Those three plays alone add that many more threats on offense. We really moved the ball well up and down the field."

The defense, the strong suit on last year's squad, returns almost completely intact, with DE Ron Thomas being the only major loss.

In their new 4-3 alignment under defensive coordinator John Keady (a change from last season's 4-4 set) Harry Hristoforatos '02 moves from outside linebacker to the defensive end spot.

Also, Thatcher Freeborn '02 will join Marcus Juba '03 and Chandler Long '02 in the defensive backfield, comprising one of the most formidable trios in the NESCAC. The linebacking crew is equally imposing, led by seniors Ryan Nolan and Mike Powers. With such an experienced and talented starting defense points against the Conts should be hard to come by.

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**Linebackers Gavin Fitts (48) and Michael Murphy (44) work on their footwork during preseason drills.**

In fact, experience on both sides of the ball is what Coach Alvanos is emphasizing as one of the team's main strengths.

"We're a senior laden team, with a lot of people stepping up and taking on significant leadership roles. We just hope to stay healthy and see improvements against Tufts this weekend."

Juba added, "I feel there's more energy and enthusiasm this year, with more of an emphasis on team and everybody working together. Playing for a team you tend to have more of a drive."

Such optimism is a breath of fresh air during a time when tragedy is all around us. Perhaps the camaraderie and excitement of playing as a team for the first time will not only help the team members cope with their emotions in the wake of such a tragedy, but give the campus something to talk about other than terrorism and loss.

# Eighty-three years of Yawkey Chants

To a Boston Red Sox fan, history is everything. To a Boston Red Sox fan, the only deter-

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minant of success is how far in front, or behind, the Sox are of the Yankees.

To a Boston Red Sox fan, the degree of fatalism with which each season begins is only topped by the anger, confusion, and hurt by the way each ends.

At least that's the way it's been since 1918 - the last time the Sox truly bested the Yankees, by winning the World Series.

I recently spent a month in the Boston area, listening to sports talk radio, following the team, even attending two games.

I was intrigued by the seemingly endless amount of discussion of the past.

Names like Carlton Fisk, Bucky Dent, Bill Buckner, Babe Ruth, Roger Clemens, and Wade Boggs, are part of an extensive vocabulary used only by a Boston Red Sox fan.

These names swirl around the airwaves in a never-ending dialogue of "what ifs" and "should have beens".

Eighty-three straight years without a ring will do this to a city - especially one with a fixation on New York.

The New York Yankees, winners of 26 World Championships, are everything the Sox are not. They have heroes.

The Sox have fall guys. They have traditions. The Sox have a curse. They have pennants and banners and the house that Ruth built. The Sox have a big green wall in left field.

They have the Big Apple. The Sox have the Big Dig. This list could go on forever.

The point, however, remains; this is not merely a baseball rivalry.

Perhaps it was ten, twenty, or even fifty years after the last Sox World Series victory.

But now, eighty-three years later, a hatred for everything New York is woven into the very DNA of most New Englanders. In some ways, the Red Sox fan is pitiful.

He's like the kid the bullies like to pick on the most. He's the guy that we see get knocked down, only to get back up again, just to get sent to the floor again.

I didn't get it when I was there. I questioned their motivation, their seemingly masochistic desire to be spat in the face.

But now, as the Red Sox fade from contention yet again, watching the Yankees, in all probability, ride off into the sunset with their 27th championship, Sox fans must endure another winter of brooding, speculation, blaming and, ultimately, renewed hopes.

The fans of the Boston Red Sox are the best in all of sports. They are the best because their love is unwavering and unquestioned.

They are the best because they are aware of their history. They are the best-informed, most curious, and sensibly critical fans in baseball.

They know the Yankees as well, if not better, than their own team. The saying goes, keep your friends close and your enemies closer.

The Boston Red Sox are not an easy team to love. As I sat in Fenway this past August, watching Derek Lowe blow a lead over the upstart Seattle Mariners, I questioned the reasons why a community would embrace such a heart breaking legacy and maddening future.

But then, as I walked down Yawkey Way, listening to the chants of "Yankees Suck, Yankees Suck", it hit me.

Red Sox fans love their team because they hate New York. Red Sox fans love their team because of its history.

Everyone loves an underdog, and while the Sox aren't going to win it all this year, they will get back up, like the bullied kid on the playground, to fight another year.

One day, maybe in the next few years, another World Series banner will be hung in Fenway Park.

When it does, it will be a testament to all the Sox players who came before and to all the fans who soaked in a game at Fenway Park.

Most of all, however, it will finally give those rabid fans a chance to chant their mantra down Yawkey Way. "Yankees Suck." "Yankees Suck."

# Sports

# Football set to kick off:

## Veteran defense expected to lead

by Chris Preston '03
*MANAGING EDITOR*

In the world of sports, a world which now in the face of one of the nation's greatest tragedies seems more trivial than ever, football is king this time of year.

It is perhaps the most anticipated sport in America, as entire weekends are structured around tailgate parties and hours of television viewing.

Here on the Hill things are no different from the rest of the country. Football is highly anticipated every year at Hamilton, as much of the campus attends each Continental home game.

In light of recent events, all professional football games scheduled for this weekend have been canceled as well as most Division I games.

Hamilton's scrimmage versus Tufts this Saturday (which will be held at Williams College at 1:00) is one of the exceptions, and despite not practicing until Wednesday this past week the Continentals are prepared for their first live action against another school.

"We didn't get to meet with the players or practice until (Wednesday)," said first-year head coach Pete Alvanos, "and we had to practice in full pads on Thursday, which is unusual for a game week. But I think it was important for everyone to take some time off from football to grieve and gather their thoughts."

Last weekend's annual Buff and Blue scrimmage helped the team gauge what its strengths and weaknesses are just one week prior to playing in a game situation.

"There were a lot of positives coming out of the scrimmage," said Alvanos. "Nobody got hurt, most importantly, and good things happened on both sides of the ball. One concern offensively was sustaining drives. (The offense) didn't execute to keep some drives alive. Once we get a drive going we've got to finish it and put the ball in the end zone."

Leading the Continentals' offensive attack for the time being will be starting quarterback Mike Pellman '02, who got the nod over three other QB's for the scrimmage versus Tufts.

Alvanos did, however, stress that the three backups- Chris Rossi '03, Greg LiVigne '05, and Craig Cammarratta '04- will see significant action on Saturday. Running backs Chris Weeden '02 and Elijah Huling

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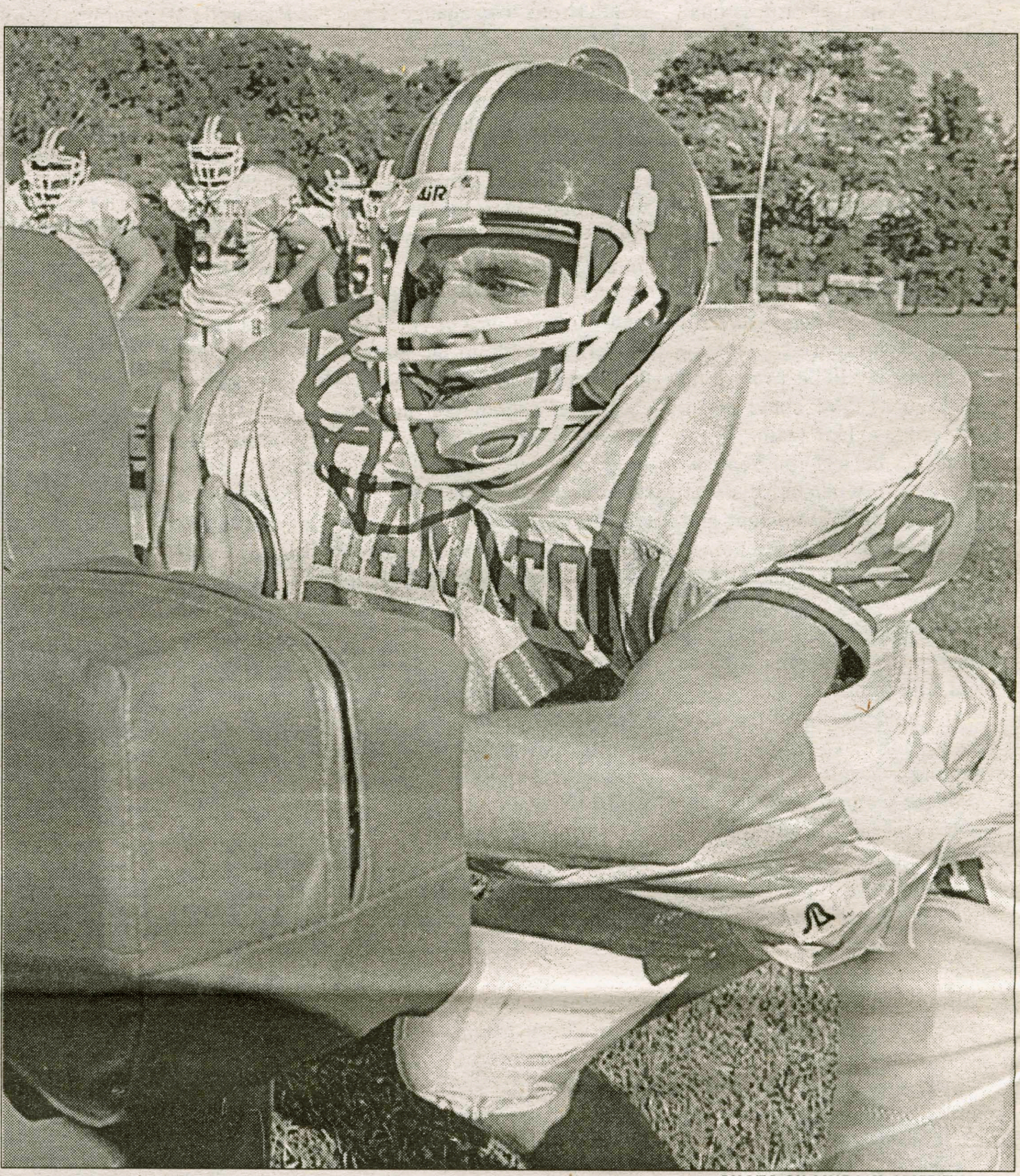

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**The defense uses the training pads to hone their stopping power. They will hope to roll over opposing blockers when the preseason starts this Saturday against Tufts.**

# Field Hockey takes Oswego to overtime

## *Continentals lose 2-1 in sudden death*

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The Hamilton women's field hockey team faced every obstacle yesterday.

Coming off of a 6-1 season-opening loss on Saturday to Ithaca College, the team looked to overcome its season opening loss by defeating SUNY Oswego on Wednesday.

Due to the events of Tuesday, the game was postponed until Thursday.

On Thursday, the game was changed from an afternoon game on the grass fields of Oswego to a night game on the turf at Hamilton.

The Continentals walked onto the turf after days of turmoil and long practices on grass to face a team in a similar condition.

Oswego lost its two previous matches, and both teams boasted very inexperienced lineups.

The similarities between the teams were obvious as they battled back and forth for most of the first half.

Oswego's Melissa Mochetti finally broke through the Continental's defense and scored with a few minutes left in the first half.

The second half started much like the first. The Continentals had a few good looks at the goal, but Oswego dominated the ball throughout.

Hamilton finally got on the board ten minutes into the first half with a goal by Eden Self '04.

Self also scored the only goal for the Continentals in their game against Ithaca.

"Eden is a great shooter," praised co-captain Colleen Trzaskos '02.

The Continentals battled for control of the ball for the remaining 25 minutes.

The Continentals' defense was led by the tremendous play of defensemen Erin Turcot '04, Emily Kiernan '03, and goalkeeper Sarah Baldwin '04.

"Turcot is a great player," praised Trzaskos. "She has more energy than anyone on the field and is always in the right place."

Baldwin finished with nine saves for the day.

In the midfield, Hamilton was helped by co-captain Jenny Russell '02, Heather Pratt '04 and rookie Joanna McCann '05.

The attack was led by the efforts of Liz Southerland '04, and co-captains Trzaskos and Christina Freyre '02.

Though both teams fought hard to break the tie, the game lasted into the late evening and ended in a sudden death contest.

Five minutes into the overtime, the Oswego Lakers were able to capitalize on a corner play to clinch the victory.

"We played hard and the intensity was there," commented Trzaskos. "We went all out for a full game and the entire team played all out."

Coach Karen Hollands stressed the importance of team play against Oswego.

"We played really well. In the end, the ball didn't bounce our way, but we played hard and played smart for the entire game," she said.

Though the team has had a rocky start, they do not believe their 0-2 record accurately reflects the talent and heart of the team.

"We played well in this past game, but there is more that we can do. If we played Oswego six games from now, there is not a doubt in my mind that we would beat them," said Trzaskos.

The Continentals take on SUNY Geneseo this weekend, and begin their league games next week against Hartwick. The league games are vital.

The Continentals lost to Geneseo in a close game last year, and look to revenge the loss on Saturday.

"This is a game we should win and need to win," said Trzaskos.

They will again need to adjust to a grass field, but this team is becoming very good at adjusting.

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